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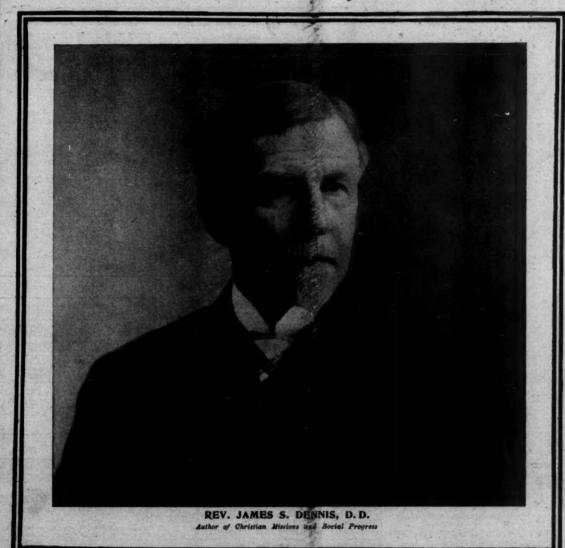
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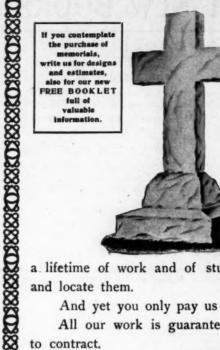
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Event and Comment

Our Portrait Our Christian World gallery of portraits embraces already no less than a score of eminent men whose faces, in the course of the last two years and a half, have appeared on the cover of our special monthly numbers. The list includes such prominent preachers as Drs. Gladden and Lorimer, educators like Presidents Tucker and King, Professors Fisher and Clarke, ecclesiastical administrators like Bishops Potter and Vincent, missionary statesmen like Bishops Thoburn and Dr. George Washburn, aggressive Christian leaders like Mr. Meyer and Mr. Mott, and distinguished laymen like Sir George Williams and General How To this notable company we are glad this week to add the portrait of Rev. James S. Dennis, D. D. His work is that of a missionary specialist, in which calling he stands perhaps without a peer. He has enriched the church with volumes of great worth. He has studied missions from the distinctively modern point of view and without underrating the advantage which the Christian gospel brings to the individual, he has proved convincingly that its results in a reconstructed social order are immense and far reaching. The Church universal owes much to him. May he be spared long to serve it in his peculiar way. On page 345 will be found a description of Dr. Dennis's New York workshop.

The Uses of Lent
The Lenten season again
presents its peculiar opportunities for purifying and deepening our spiritual lives through bringing them into contact with Jesus Christ. ings, vigils, ceremonials, a multiplying of religious meetings, are incidental rather than essential to its proper observance. Through the Christian ages many followers of our Lord have found these accessories of the season stimulating to piety. But any disciple may make the Lenten time serviceable to his growth in grace simply by thinking more often and lovingly of his Saviour and particularly by calling to mind the incidents and experiences of those significant last days in his earthly career. No one can follow him from point to point as he makes his sorrowful way into the shadows and emerges thence into the glory of the res-urrection morning without feeling fresh sorrow for sin and a deeper longing for Christlikeness of character. We are glad that so many of our churches are observing this season by special services. They are not essential, as we have already said, to the keeping of a true Lent, but in these hurrying days people need to be called apart for meditation and fresh

consecration. A letter just at hand from a prominent pastor in a city of the interior contains these words: "We have observed the Lenten season in a simple way for twelve years and never has the time passed without direct and special results. Several times in that period we have had more than fifty additions at our May communion. We never hold any extra services except in Holy Week, but we shape the entire work of the year so that it all comes quietly and steadily to a climax at that time and the influence on the life of the church is simply invalua-

When the Boston Y. M. A Large Y. M. C. A. C. A., about twenty years ago, moved into its handsome new building on the Back Bay, the structure seemed more than adequate for many years to come. But so rapid has been the growth of the organization that a new central building is imperatively demanded, and already steps are being taken to erect a large modern thoroughly equipped structure, with as ample provision for various lines of work as are to be found in any similar edifice the country over. The appeal which Pres. Arthur S. Johnson and Sec. George W. Mehaffey are now sending out carries its own convincing argument. They ask for funds amounting to \$1,000,000 for initiating the Forward Movement and more than \$3,000,000 for thoroughly establishing and promoting no less than eighteen different departments of work. The amount for each enterprise is specified in each case. The association intends to enter more adequately all the newer fields into which the organization throughout the country has of late been moving. It asks, for instance, for college association buildings, for a building for colored young men, for several buildings for railroad men and one or two for the army and navy departments. Such an elaborate scheme indicates a general policy farreaching and aggressive: Apparently the Boston Y. M. C. A. is on the eve of a great advance, and we trust it will not look in vain to its natural supporters for the sympathy and aid which it needs.

To celebrate adequately The Pres the completion of its d Its Pieneers Twentieth Century Thank Offering Fund of \$20,000,-000 the Methodist Episcopal Church officials and communicants held a mass meeting in Carnegie Hall, New York city, last week, at which the President of the United States was the "star"

speaker. The robust, militant qualities of the old-time Methodist pioneers, and John Wesley's broad policy of including the good things of life in his conception of a practical, working Christianity appealed to the President. He rose to a higher plane of eloquence and discriminating praise than he sometimes has touched, for instance, at the Ecumenical Missionary Conference, where both ex-President Harrison and President McKinley excelled him. All that the President said in praise of the Methodist pioneers, heralds of Christianity and civilization to virgin territories, applies with essential truth to the home missionaries of every sect today. His speech can be circulated properly by any home missionary society in the country.

Broadly speaking, The Function of the Christian Pieneer Teday Of course, as the President says, the pioneer days are over, but it is not true when specific territories and areas are considered. Read in the March Century the series of articles on The Great Northwest, The Gateway of the Nations, and The Coming Race in America, and you will know that now as formerly Europe is pouring in upon us pioneers who will seek out lands not only in the West but in the older East, and to whom the Methodist and all other Protestant churches must send, as of old, preachers of the gospel, rugged in their faith, simple in their modes of living, dauntless in their courage and their willingness to endure privations. Vast as are the changes in society man in essence remains the same, and the appeal to the Christian Church today is as strong as ever it was. As the President said:

President said:

In the century opening the play of the infinitely far-reaching forces and tendencies which go to make up our social system bids fair to be even fiercer in its activity than in the century which has just closed. If during this century the men of high and fine moral sense show themselves weaklings; if they possess only that cloistered virtue which shrinks shuddering from contact with the raw facts of actual life; if they dare not go down into the hurly-burly where the men of might contend for the mastery; if they stand aside from the pressure and conflict; then as surely as the sun rises and sets all of our great material progress, all the multiplication of the physical agencies which tend for our comfort and enjoyment, will go for naught and our civilization will become a brutal sham and mockery. ckery.

The decline of the prayer ree Speech on meeting is in part due to the fact that in many instances church members have little of mutual interest to talk or pray about

that seems to be appropriate to such a meeting. Their religious experience is not new, or if it is, it is not what they feel free to mention. In a church whose prayer meeting attendance has become quite small a topic class was started some time ago. Its themes are such as these: Our Thought of the Supernatural, What are Essential Christian Beliefs, The Obligations of Church Membership, The Observance of Sunday, The Christian's Daily Use of the Bible, What Could be Substituted for the Prayer Meeting. The class is led by laymen usually. The attendance is large. An eager interest is manifested. The chief task of the leader is to see that members have a fair chance to speak, as nearly every one desires to take part. The utmost frankness is encouraged, and to this no doubt much of the attraction of the class is due. It was supposed that a good deal of radical expression would come out. But with it have come revelations of personal Christian experience, of struggles with doubt and of high attainment of Christian life, which have drawn the members of the church closer together until they have a new idea of "the brotherhood" which characterized the primitive church. If Christians would speak to one another freely in the prayer meeting concerning the subjects they are thinking about, some of the old-time formalism might disappear, and some rather startling statements might be made. But it would be better for the church if thoughts as yet unspoken were to be brought to the light, while Christians would better understand one another and make greater progress toward knowledge of the truth.

The British Weekly is still strenuously appealing for out and out resistance to The English the recently passed Education Act. But it is evident that while many individual Nonconformists and many Free Church councils will take this position, others hesitate at defiance of the law if by any other way their ends may be gained. Thus at a recent large conference of educational officials of England and Wales held in London, including such vigorous opponents of the Education Act as Rev. Dr. John Clifford and Mr. Lloyd-George, M. P., the following instruction to educational authorities was passed by a vote of 106 to 36,

not to provide out of the rates any increased expenditure on sectarian schools, except in cases where the trustees agree to appoint one-half of the foundation managers from persons selected by the local authority, where the managers agree to appoint teachers selected by the local authority without reference to any sectarian test or qualification, and where the teachers are not required to give instruction in any distinctively sectarian dogma.

Commenting upon this the British Weekly says: "We have no faith in the councils mutilating the act in order to save individual Nonconformists from the necessity of resisting the rate. Nonconformists ask for no such escape. Let the law take its course and become visible in all its enormity, and we have faith enough in the English people to believe that it will not last long." The Christian World, which has no sympathy with refusal to pay rates and ignoring the law, nevertheless cannot accept the policy outlined in the above resolution.

Two books, Pod-Is Certainty Touching more's Modern the Future Life Possible Spiritualism, and F. W. H. Myers' Human Personality and Its Survival of Bodily Death, recently issued, place the whole subject of spiritualism and the preservation of human personality after death on a plane of discussion from the scientific standpoint not hitherto known. In both there is that careful weighing of the worth of the "subliminal consciousness" to which readers of Prof. William James have been invited to give credence. The revelations of dual personality, of thought transference, found notably in the cases of Stanton Moses, in England, and Mrs. Piper, in the United States, along with other data gathered by the Society of Psychical Research, led Myers (now dead) to say that "in consequence of the new evidence, all reasonable men a century hence will believe the resurrection of Christ, whereas, in default of the new evidence, no reasonable man a century hence would have believed it." In short, to quote the Christian World of London, Mr. Myers was sure "that there now exists an incipient method of getting at this divine knowledge with the same certainty, the same calm assurance, with which we make our steady progress in this knowledge of earthly things.

The Thursday morning A Test of Christ's lectures at the City Temple, London, have long been one of the noted features of the great city. It was supposed that the secret of their success was the lecturer, Dr. Joseph Parker. But they have never been more fully attended than since his death. It has been shown that a great theme, and a genuine gospel under the leadership of a man whose head and heart are filled with them will command attention in the center of the city in the busiest hour of a week day. Recently the preacher, Rev. R. J. Campbell, took for his subject Christianity and the Social Order. The temple was thronged, even the pulpit seats being occupied. Mr. Campbell described the rise of great corporations working the extinction of the small employer, and the growth of the trade unions with their tendency to tyrannize over individual workmen, to reduce the most competent to the level of the least valuable, to victimize the public by restricting the output and lowering the level of the national efficiency. He sketched the effects of the separation of classes and the poverty so inadequately relieved by charity. He pointed out the danger of the church's getting out of touch with the people, showing that many working men reverenced Jesus Christ but distrusted those who claimed to represent him. When he came to speak of the remedies for evil conditions. while he had specific suggestions to offer, they all sprang from one source, the teaching of the one Master; and they all consisted in obeying his voice. The all clustered round the text, "If ye fulfill the royal law, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, you do well." And the preacher at the City Temple was only saying what in substance is to be found in every book on the social order which has commanded public attention. To the one Teacher the philanthropist, reformer,

sociologist, statesman, preacher, all turn as the great source of light. They are all saying in different ways, "Neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved." So long as men agree in this one matter our concern need not be great lest the Book which reveals the world's Saviour shall be outgrown or neglected.

The Rabbi Hirsch, a wellknown Jewish preacher of Sunday Schools Chicago, has lately denounced Sunday school books as worse than any dime novel. He condemns them for their literary style, while "their theology is damnable and their morality is below freezing point." This wholesale condemnation has moved the Lend a Hand Record, whose editor is Edward Everett Hale, to examine the catalogue of the Pilgrim Press to find out whether the rabbi was speaking from knowledge or imagination. The writer found a long list of books by well known authors generally approved by literary critics. After mentioning a number of them he says:

In neither the primary or the intermediate departments did we find one single book that could be classed as literary "trash" or worse than any "dime novel." There was nothing in this library, nor in others that we have examined, that could approach the "dime novel" type. They were good wholesome stories, with a moral trend, and likely to uplift those who read them. Three hours searching did not reveal one single instance of "bad grammar." We do not know that all the libraries in the East or in New York are as good as the Pilgrim Libraries. We venture to say, however, they are not as bad, even in Chicago, as the Rabbi Hirsch has made them out to be. If they are we pity Chicago, and if they are not we pity the Rabbi Hirsch, for he is not a man easily betrayed into false statements.

Tidings are beginning Harvard and Yale in to come from the representatives of Harvard and Yale who went out a few months ago to India and China, respectively, in the interest of Christian education and evangelization. Mr. E. C. Carter of Harvard has been traveling-through the Punjab, and everywhere hands of missionaries, and of many English residents as well, have been stretched out in hearty welcome. He has found opportunities for several other Harvard men to render service of one sort and another at different points, and it is gratifying that at least half a dozen men now at Cambridge are shaping their course with a view to entering these new fields. The pioneer of Yale's mission in China, Rev. J. L. Thurston, 1898 -who, by the way, is the son of Rev. J. R. Thurston, D. D., of Whitinsville, Mass.—is in Peking, devoting himself assiduously to learning the language. He, too, has been warmly greeted, and discerns large and inviting opportunities of work, especially among the educated classes who have more respect for foreigners than before the Boxer troubles. Writing to the church committee of Yale College under date of Dec. 26, 1902, he says:

It is agreed by all that a greater opportunity never offered for uplifting a people and I believe that Yale men are to be congratulated on being ready to begin their work at the very opening of this new era in China. If the Yale mission can establish a strong educational work, supplemented by medical, and kept

true to its purpose by the inspiraton received from vigorous evangelistic effort, it will be doing a service to China which even China herself will not finally fail to recognize.

Nothing in current missionary undertakings is more interesting than these collegiate ventures. We shall all watch them eagerly and with great faith in their final outcome.

Professor Harnack of Professor Harnack Berlin University has mperor William been interviewed and given his opinion of the letter to the German Oriental Society in which Emperor William both agreed with and dissented from Professor Delitzsch's positions taken in a lecture recently given before him. Apparently Professor Harnack agrees with Delitzsch as to the dependence of Hebrew thought respecting God on earlier Babylonian conceptions. He agrees with the emperor's emphatic exaltation of Jesus as the supreme teacher. But he denies that the term "divinity of Christ" has any warrant from the teachings of Jesus concerning himself or from the practice of the primitive church in speaking of nim. "Christ," says Professor Harnack, 'never concealed that he was Lord and him. Saviour, but he never revealed the se-cret of his relation to the Father." Professor Harnack foresees a time when Roman Catholic and Protestant will join in a simple recognition of Christ as Lord and in a determination to do his will. A dispute has arisen as to the standing of Professor Delitzsch as an Assyriologist. In a symposium on the matter in the New York Tribune of March 1, Profs. C. C. Torrey and C. F. Kent of Yale, and Professor Gotthiel of Columbia speak of Professor Delitzsch as indisputably the leading Assyriologist of his day. Prof. George F. Moore of Harvard, Prof. R. Dick Wilson of Princeton, and Dr. Cyrus Adler of the Smithsonian Institute, a prominent Orientalist, are not so enthusiastic in praise of the man's attainments. fessor Moore does not believe that there is evidence to show that the Hebrew law is dependent on Babylonian law, nor that there is probability that it is directly re lated. He believes that both the Assyriologist and the emperor should leave theology to the theologians, a sentiment that several other American scholars interviewed by the Tribune echo.

The Hebrews Professor Moore is quoted as saying in conversation with a representative of The American Hebrew at the recent opening of the Semitic Museum at Harvard, that Professor Delitzsch's recent speech was a case of "playing to the galleries." "The emperor went to his head," added Professor Moore. The American Hebrew, commenting on the general interest in Semitics throughout the world, and the pre-eminence of Christian scholars and Christian institutions in investigation and accumulation of knowledge and antiquities, asks its Jewish constituents: "Why should the great Oriental scholars and explorers all be Gentiles? Why should the great Bible authorities today be Christians instead of Jews? . . . Forsooth there is no money in these avocations! Is the Jew then to sell his birthright for an enlarged income?

divided Is this also the reason why so few bring of the Mormon Church, the officials of up their sons to the Jewish ministry? which, with their ecclesiastical records, hina . . . Are we Semitic or anti-Semitic?" Mr. Leilich would have the Senate sum-

Federal Authority Su- his instructive and suggestive article in the March Scribner's on the Federal Supreme Court, of which he is an honored member, makes it clear that he for one is alive to the significance of the new social and political problems which sooner or later are to come before the august tribunal endowed with such vast power. Incidentally he refers to a case before the court at the time the article was written, in which judgment was given last week and to which we briefly alluded in our last issue. Important as is the bearing of the court's ruling on the evil of gambling by lottery, inasmuch as it shuts down on interstate commerce in lottery tickets carried by express, it is now seen to have wider implications, showing that a majority of the court at least (Justice Brewer being in the minority) are likely to rule favorably for Federal control through Congress of interstate commerce and corporate industry to an extent not favored by the court hitherto, but longed for by the Executive Department in its attempts in the past to enforce the Sherman Trust law and much desired and in a way anticipated and provided for in more recent Congressional legislation relative to trusts.

While there is not absolute An Up-te-Date agreement by critics as to Judiciary the correctness of the inference that the court now stands ready to interpret the Constitution in a way that strict constructionists like the New York Sun denounce in bitter terms, yet the opinion is dominant that the Judiciary has kept pace with the Legislative and Executive Departments of government and that the Supreme Court is not to prove an obstacle in the way of effective public control and restraint of the industry and commerce of the country as it more and more tends to fall under the control of the few. Public welfare is to be put above legalism. The Constitution once more is to be shown to be an elastically interpreted document and the Supreme Court a responsive part of the national political machine. State rights as over against Federal seem likely to get another body blow; but that is the way the fight has gone since Appomatox.

Senator elect Smoot from Opposition to Utah appeared in the Senate last week, but has not been sworn in, as charges against him have been filed with the committee of which Senator Burrows is chairman. These protests are of two kinds: one by many citizens of Salt Lake City, including Rev. Clarence T. Brown of the First Congregational Church, is based on Mr. Smoot's official connection with the Mormon Church and his inability to serve the nation lovally in view of oaths to the church which he has taken. A second is by Rev. J. L. Leilich, a Methodist missionary, who affirms that Mr. Smoot is a polygamist, the record of his plural marriage being in the secret archives

which, with their ecclesiastical records, Mr. Leilich would have the Senate summon before it. Reports from Washington indicate that the case as made up against Mr. Smoot by the representative Gentile citizens of Salt Lake City, together with collateral evidence on Mormonism recently given in the Senate by senators from Western states, will induce that body to look into the case of Mr. Smoot with more care than seemed likely a fortnight ago. Unless it be proved that Mr. Smoot is a law-breaker we do not see how, on technical grounds, he can be deprived of his seat solely because he is an apostle in the Mormon Church. But it is conceivable that by an appeal to "the higher law," which Americans now and again resort to in their determination to strike at an evil, he might be reiected.

The President, in a special A Matter of Message to the Senate last week urged prompt ratification of the bill which has passed the House lessening the tariff of the Philippines. Messages from Governor Taft confirmed by the oral testimony of Vice-Governor Wright, now in this country, show that unless Congress thus acts the commercial disaster to the archipelago will be great and the likelihood of a renewal of disorders increased. Congress already has taken steps to appropriate \$3,000,000 for the relief of immediate needs due to plague, rinderpest, failure of the rice crop, and a series of catastrophes unforeseen and unpreventable. It now behooves it, for the honor of the nation, to rise above all interests selfishly opposed to any tampering with tariff laws, and so to legislate as to save the business of the islands and foster insular revenue. Anything short of this will be dishonorable and wickedly foolish. The return of Mabini to Manila from Guam, where he has been exiled, and his taking the oath of allegiance to the United States, closes another dramatic chapter in the life of a man whose intellectual power and loyalty to his political ideals have extorted praise from all who have studied his career. If Aguinaldo was the right arm of the Filipino uprising against Spain and the United States, Mabini was its brain and will. Mr. Herbert Welsh of Philadelphia, one of the most active and persistent of the antiimperialists, has written an open letter to President Roosevelt calling for an investigation of the conduct of Brigadier-General Funston. The Senate committee on the Philippines has practically refused to take up the questions involved in the case of Father Augustine and other alleged cases of cruelty by the American soldiers.

Turkey's prompt acceptance of the plan of Russia and Austria for government of Macedonia and her clever proposition that it also apply to other provinces of her European realm is variously interpreted. The counter-proposition at once breeds division. Russia still nominally puts strong pressure upon Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria to suppress all showing of sympathy for Macedonians by their compatriots in Bulgaria, and the

persist in violence toward Turkey when the Powers rely on diplomacy to accomplish given ends they need expect no aid from Russia. This decree, while it will influence some, will not deter others; and the situation is by no means cleared up by the action of the sultan in nominal acquiesence with the demand of the Powers. Some bloodshed there is certain to be in the disturbed districts of Macedonia-indeed the latest cable tells of fighting near Monastir-but whether the movement for revolt against Turkey will spread and just what is Russia's real attitude toward war later events must reveal. Meanwhile reports from consuls and journalists in Macedonia agree that the Turkish soldiery are remorselessly pillaging property of Christians, outraging their women and fanning the embers which sooner or later must break forth.

The Country Slum

The agent of the Connecticut Bible Society, Rev. H. L. Hutchins-whose sudden death we regret to have to announcehas lately reported startling conditions of moral degeneracy in some of the rural districts of that state. Naturally they provoke much comment. Summed up in a sentence they are: decreasing population, declining church attendance, dulled moral sense, with accompanying vices of drunkenness, opium-eating, immorality and bestiality. Education is at a minimum. Vote-selling is common. Tenement houses are found where people herd together as they do in cities. impressive fact is that many of these degenerates are not foreigners but are of the old New England stock.

We do not question the substantial accuracy of these statements, but we do not think the conditions are wholly new. for we know something of the rural life of Connecticut forty years ago. We think they have spread extensively in recent times. We do not think they apply to large portions of the state. Nor do we think they are confined to that state or to New England. But we doubt if the most crowded district of East New York breeds worse characters than some isolated, neglected communities in the older settled parts of the country which have been drained of their vitality by influx into the cities, leaving the unambitious and stupid dregs to drag out their sordid and sodden existence. No sections of our country call more loudly for missionary effort than these. No better thing is likely to happen to them, next to the return of the better class of American families, than the immigration of foreigners with greater enterprise to cultivate the soil, who may improve the native stock. The telephone, the trolley car and rural mail delivery will in a few years work great material changes in these districts. They open fields which invite business enterprise as well as the zeal of service

These are days when those who want to make the most of their lives to lift up their fellowmen find doors of opportunity swinging open to them on every hand. No fields call for more self-denving Christian service than some of these country districts, in which the best social settlements would be families devoted to leavenregions where the most reliable elements of our population used to be found.

Declining Doctrinal Divisions

We have lately read a series of articles by representatives of the largest Christian bodies each explaining why he belongs to his particular denomination. Certain sharp lines of division separate some sects from others. The Roman Catholic declares that he is a Catholic "because before I had the use of reason I was regenerated in the full sacrament of bap-tism," and because "my reason demanded, ever and always, that I should give absolute assent to all the defined doctrines of the church." He adds that he is a Catholic not merely by the exercise of his reason, but by the grace of God. Several Protestant sects make it their mission to bring all Christians into one organization, each sect maintaining that it is not a sect but the truest representative of the primitive church of Christ. Every such religious organization finds sufficient doctrinal grounds for holding itself apart from others till it shall bring all Christians into its own fold.

But the doctrinal barriers between most of the leading Protestant denominations have practically disappeared. For more than a century Protestants were divided into two clusters of opposing camps. Those on one side laid the chief emphasis on the absolute and unconditional sovereignty of God. Those on the other side laid the chief emphasis on the free will of man to obey or disobey the law of God, to accept or reject his mercy and love. The name of Calvin was inscribed more or less conspicuously on the banners of one group of camps, the name of Arminius on those of the other. But doctrinal hostility between these camps has practically ceased. President Hyde of Bowdoin College has truly said: "Between Congregationalists, Methsaid: "Between Congregations, doc-odists, Baptists and Episcopalians, docone in a hundred of the members of these churches could state the differences in doctrinal views which separate them." He might have included several other denominations in this list.

Why then do Protestant denominations continue apart? Dr. T. L. Cuyler says, "The simplest answer to the question, Why am I a Presbyterian? would be that I was born and reared in that communion." Dr. R. P. Raymond says a very large number of Methodists would give a similar answer to the question why they are Methodists, and that "this is even more true of every other denomina-Tradition, association, temperation. ment, determine the denominational affiliations of the large majority of Chris-

Yet we do not see any promise of organic church unity in this decline of doctrinal divisions. The leading denominations have great organizations for promoting Christian education and for extending the gospel at home and in all lands. These could not be merged into one inclusive body without loss of interest and power. The pressing problem of Christian work today is how best to dis-

word has gone forth to Siavs that if they ing with light and love the dark dull tribute responsibility for it as much as how to concentrate its forces, how to enlist every church and family and individual in some definite service. This would not be possible through creating one headquarters of administration as the source of power without a tendency toward a hierarchy which has been realized by the Roman Catholic Church, but against which most Protestants would revolt.

> Two things greatly to be desired, however, are possible through the decline of doctrinal divisions. The first is a closer co-operation of Christians of all names, for the high purpose, as Phillips Brooks once said, of "bearing testimony to the people of America of the authority and love of God, of the redemption of Christ and of the sacred possibilities of man.' Toward that end the churches seem to be moving through federation, in many places, for common work. In this movement, if wisely guided, they will avoid much waste of effort, will encourage and support one another and impres s the world with their oneness of faith and purpose. The other desirable thing of which there is growing promise is a new statement of faith, really representing the belief of the great multitude of Christians who cannot now state the differences which separate them. The doctrinal barriers have fallen. How shall the new inclusive wall be erected? Dr. A. B. Bruce says: "A fresh intuition of Christ and a new Christian enthusiasm would have for one of its results a fresh formulation of Christian belief, bearing an entirely different stamp from that of historical Protestant confessions. Till the new life come we had better let the making of a new creed alone.'

> The new life is coming through the spirit of unity among Christians working and praying together for the regeneration of humanity. It is not confined to the churches. It is a work in which teachers, legislators, statesmen and others share, believing that men of every race can be renewed into the image of their Creator and Father. This belief will in due time find formal expression, and we trust will be a creed which disciples of Christ will everywhere welcome because it will represent his spirit and mission to mankind.

Democracy in Education

It was the glory of Yale College in the older time that its students brought into it no social distinctions. Every one was estimated according to his merits. The poorest boy from a back country town stood as good a chance of popularity in his class, and of being chosen to membership in the secret societies, as did the son of the millionaire. The loss of that spirit of democracy is the greatest loss that Yale could suffer. President Hadley is reported as saying in a recent addre to the University Club that the traditional democracy of the college had faded gradually till it had disappeared completely.

If this is the fact, and we know that it is to a considerable extent, the administration of the university is largely at fault for it. When the same term bill was charged to each student, including tuition and room rent, and when

bers, no barriers could be raised between rich men's sons and those of small mes President Hadley is said to have admitted that these barriers now separate the rich from the poor, and that the honors of secret societies are enjoyed by the wealthy students to the practical exclusion of the others. He proposed the formation of a club where all could mingle together freely.

A club would prove a very inadequate remedy for conditions which ought to put Yale to shame. The remedy is for the University authorities to abolish the recognition of distinctions between the rich and the poor by giving all an equal chance at the same price to share what the university offers. Better by far the old brick row and the college commons than the elegant quadrangle with its grading of students according to the length of their fathers' purses. An institution of learning which encourages meretricious snobbishness as its standard in the place of all round manliness is an anachronism in this country.

"A Truce of God"

Thus does Mr. John Redmond, the leader of the Irish Nationalists, speaking in Parliament describe the state of amity today between all parties concerned in better Irish government, a spirit reflected in the debates of the past week in Parliament, and to be still more clearly and significantly revealed in legislation soon to be introduced by the Ministry.

Credit for the altered and encouraging state of affairs is due to several pers of various religious faiths-to King Edward, who unlike his mother—see Sidney Lee's biography of Victoria—has deeply interested himself in putting an end to the immemorial strife within the kingdom, to Mr. Balfour and Mr. Wyndam representing the Ministry, to Mr. T. W. Russell representing the Protestants of Ulster, to Mr. Redmond of the Irish Nationalist leaders representing the Roman Catholics and tenantry. One and all have come to see that hatred and violence, suspicion and prejudice, boycotting and extortionate taxation, enforced emigration and alien ownership are all unjustifiable ethically and politically; that the strength of the empire is no stronger than its weakest link-Irelandand that statesmanship, not to mention the ethics of the New Testament, demands that once and for all oppression on the one hand and sullen and chronic revolt on the other cease.

If nothing malign and selfish interferes there bids fair to be within a few months such action by the British Parliament as will profoundly affect not only the welfare of the empire, the betterment of Ireland and the reconstruction of British parties, but also the future of the United States. For it might as well be frankly said that English misrule of Ireland in a very direct way accounts for not a little American municipal misrule. Forced to leave Ireland by the thousands the the Irish male immigrants to this country have brought with them none of that disciplined self-rule which the English or Scotch immigrant had when he stepped on our shores and swiftly sought natuthe "boss," often of their own race.

Humanity's solidarity and the remote interaction and consequence of national policy are clearly revealed in this fact upon which we have only touched, but which is most significant.

Christ's Service: and Ours

The school of the world was the school to which the Son of Man was sent. There was no royal road for him, although he was the King's son and heir of all things. The path he chose was not the only path which presented itself to thought as he deliberately planned out his life. He rejected power, that he might serve. He refused the leadership to which men called him that he might help and educate men who were to be at once leaders and servants for the spiritual life of the world. We are assured of the reality of Christ's sympathy in our perplexities a renunciations, for he was tempted in all points like as we are. The ways of his humanity and ours lie parallel, his in the sunshine of true obedience and perfect service, ours in the shadow of sin. But it was not without a struggle and a victory that he discovered and decided on the sunlit way.

In Christ's service of his fellowmen there were no reservations. He gave his life for his friends, not merely in the giving up of death, but also in the harder gift of daily self-denial. Looked at upon one side, the life of Jesus was all for God. Looked at from another, it was all for men. In a higher unity the two were one. The life with God made possible the work for men. The earlier self-giv-ings of the home in Nazareth we can only imagine. He gave himself in true obedience to his parents. We may believe that he gave himself in quiet, uncomplaining work for the support of the family when Joseph died. He postponed, perhaps, his settled purposes of a wider life until brothers and sisters were provided for. But with the opening of his public ministry he gives himself for men with a completeness which admitted of no reserves, not even the primacy of filial or of brotherly affection.

Now that our Lord has passed into the heavens, he requires of us a service parallel in kind, within the limits of our individuality and opportunity. The servant's office which he took upon himself when he washed the feet of his disciples, he commends to us as our example. Paul's deep-going words, "Even Christ pleased not himself." Jesus discovered the individual. He brings each of us home to his Father in a communion which is our own and which we cannot share with others. But even our individual life with God is an equipment for special service. True Christianity is broadminded and keeps both God and man in view. The love of God is proved and exercised in work for men. In Christ's parable of judgment the test is loving service, Christ himself being hidden in the form of his needy brother. This is the crown of the obedient life-Christ's recognition and the honor which the Father gives. Without this service, free, deliberate, patient and rejoicing, so

eating clubs were popular according to ralization. Used to having rulers over directed, so recognized and honored, no the companionableness of their mem- them the Irish here have fallen prey to life of man can be complete upon the

In Brief

Dr. Lorimer evidently thinks that they have played football with his name at Tremont Temple long enough. Many of us came to that conclusion some time ago.

President Buckham of Verm ont University and Rev. Dr. Newman Smyth of New Haven have denounced trade union tyranny in speeches made by them during the past we

Rev. Dr. Alex McLaren of Manchester, the great Baptist preacher, is off for a three months' rest at Mentone. He hopes to occupy his pulpit again, but some fear that his career as a preacher is ended.

Fitchburg loses in the death of Rodney Wallace one of its foremost citizens. He wa a supporter of the Calvinistic Congregational Church, and Smith College owes one of its handsome student homes to his generosity.

Andover Theological Seminary has issued so attractive a brochure with pictures of buildings old and new and surrounding ery, that while it is intended for possible stus it will be of interest to every graduate of the Institution

Having tackled and thrown the venal, Distriet Attorney Folk of St. Louis is ab assail the vicious elements of that city. Recent investigations have shown a large and terrible traffic in young women from the country dis-trict systematically carried on in St. Louis.

Secretary of the Treasury Shaw had a \$4,000 remistance for the "conscience fund" in his official mail last week, and Uncle Sam is that much richer. Not long ago a remittance of twelve cents for the same fund came. It is im-possible to decide which represented the most struggle.

Professor Dolbear, the eminent physicist of Tufts College, talking recently on some of the problems of this century, told his hearers of a star in the Southern hemisphere which travel at a faster rate than computations of the energy of this universe warrant. Is there another universe affecting the star? he asked.

ess of Rev. R. J. Campbell in maintaining the Thursday noon lectures at City Temple, London, makes him the logical sucr of its late pastor, Dr. Joseph Parker. Should he be called to this position, as now ems probable, it remains to be seen wh he can break the strong ties which unite him and his great congregation at Brighten.

Rev. Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hall had the unusual experience among Haskell lecturers to the people of India of baptizing converts from high-caste families won to discipleship by his setting forth of Christianity. "Up to this time I supposed I could be overcome only by mind. Now I know that love conquers. You have won us by love," said one convert. We predicted it.

The retirement of Rev. W. J. Woods from the secretaryship of the Congregational Union of England and Wales will cause regret to many American Congregationalists wh enjoyed his acquaintance while in England and while he has been visiting our country. Rev. Dr. Alfred Rowland, long the pastor of Park Chapel, North London, is prominently mentioned as his successor. He is not less known this side of the ocean than Mr. Woods, and not less este

ose public-spirited Bostonians .who are making such a vigorous effort to save the Park Street Church edifice because of the patriotic, historic and educational interests involved are certainly the most undaunted and persistent sons of the Poritans anywhere in this region. They probably won't induce the legislature to purchase the plant. But they propose to keep on agitating just the same and rely on private generosity to do the proper thing with regard to the historic structure.

Givers to the different funds for the relief of erphans in Armenia and India will be interested in the picturesque account in this issue of Miss Emily Wheeler's methods of stimulating gifts in America in behalf of this most worthy charity. While this paper does not now keep regularly before its readers any special relief subscription, we hope that the stream of benevolence is not exhausted and that contributions will be sent to Miss Wheeler, at Worcester, Mass., as long as the need continues.

It is significant that at the recent meeting of Chicago Congregational ministers, after Dr. Berle had pleaded for closer organization of the Congregational polity and more centralization of authority, Dr. Faville of Peoria, who came from the Methodist fold, said that he found the present bond of union and effectiveness of administration satisfactory to him as one who had sought liberty in Congregationalism. He aptly applied Edward Everett Hale's saying by asserting that the cure of the evils of democracy in church government as in political government is more democracy and not less.

Rev. Edward Cummings, Dr. E. E. Hale's assistant, who formerly was a member of the staff of Harvard's department of economics, in an address last week before the Channing Club, Boston, avowed himself a collectivist though not a socialist, preferring not to be held responsible for all the "isms" which are grouped under that name. He said something that is worth thinking about: "You have labor trusts and capitalistic trusts, and they are having a glorious time (fighting each other) because they do not know they are inevitable. Finally they will combine, and then the great consuming public will have them both to reckon with." It has them now.

Among our force of consulting editors in the various states, which includes the brightest and ablest men we are able to secure, these have recently been called to positions of increased opportunity and responsibility: Rev. Calkins, from Pittsfield, Mass., to Newark, N. J.; Rev. C. D. Crane, from Yar-mouth, Me., to Park Church, Los Angeles, Cal.; Dr. C. H. Richards, from Central Church Philadelphia, to be secretary of the Church Building Society; Dr. J. W. Cooper, from Second Church, New Britain, Ct., to be secretary of the American Missionary Associa-tion; and Dr. N. McGee Waters, from Binghamton, N. Y., to Tompkins Avenue Church, Brooklyr, the largest of our order in this country, if not in the world. To be connected with The Congregationalist is apparently not a serious handicap, after all!

The Chicago convention on religious education set going a discussion which as yet has We are by no means as sure as only begun. Dr. Berle is, in his article on another page that its projectors did not have first in mind the spiritual ends of religious education; and this for the reason that the final impression in which Dr. Berle rejoices was largely produced through addresses of men most influential in planning the convention. But we are no less grateful that it placed chief emphasis on the supreme importance of the spiritual life to be created through knowledge of God and human nature. It is interesting to note that the opposition to the convention, which was formidable before it was held, has dwindled to the querulous voices of a few m grown religious newspapers, mostly Presby-

From Day to Day

BY ALLEN CHESTERFIELD

The new dignity to wh'ch Christian interests at Harvard have attained in recent years was shiningly displayed last Friday al dinner of th ening at the second ar Christian Association, held in the fine building of the Harvard Union, with all the gladess and good fellowship that gather around the modern college banquet. Frantz, Huggins, and men like them, have worked hard to lift the association out of obscurity and disfavor, and to identify it in the mind of all Harvard men with all that is broad. manly and interesting in student life. How splendidly they have succeeded may be inferred in part from the fact that over 350 men, under the auspices of the association, are enraged in various forms of social service at the Riverside Alliance, in East Cambridge and at T Wharf, Boston. If that much incensed group of Roman Catholic priests in East ridge, who have made such a vigorous and ill-timed protest against a recent speech of one of these workers in Park Street Church, Boston, could have been present last Friday evening, I think they would have realized that these students in all their philanthropic effort in this vicinity have no more idea of conducting any sort of propaganda for Prot-estantism than they have of building up Mohammedism. They simply want to serve in straightforward, sensible ways, the physical, mental and social needs of their less favored fellowmen. More and more the Harvard association aims to be the clearing house been the surplus energy of college men cf all faiths or of no faiths and the needs of men.

By far the most interesting spe evening was President Eliot's. While claimed the ability to respond to the While he disgiven him, The Place of Religion in Life, what e said amounted practically to a confe of personal faith, and it was an unusual privilege to hear the renowned and cultured president of our oldest and largest university talk in so simple and even tender a strain about what religion meant to him. Even if his statement of it did not agree with one's own religious basis of thought and action, one could not but admire the sincerity and trans-parency of his words. Religion, he said, meant to him the bond, the tie, the spiritual essence of all living, "and religion," he went on to say, "means for me not alone the Christian religion. Indeed, many of the people whom I have loved most were not called Christians by the rest of the Christian world. The bravest death he ever witnessed, he said, was that of a Chinese mandariu, a Confucianist, who, on the verge of eternity, cared most to discharge a certain duty resting upon him acher. When in Cairo, Dr. Eliot asked three Christian masters of schools from what race their most trustworthy boys came, and they all agreed that their b

Continuing, President Eliot said that, to him, religion was not a thing of Sunday or prayer meeting or of the baptismal service, but something for every day and all days. It was love and the practical service prompted by love. He did not believe that religion was promoted to any great extent by dwelling upon one's own personal experience. "Indeed," said he, "the motive of personal salvation is a mean effort. Our theologies are full of it and even based on it, but religion means such disinterested love that one does not think of himself. I want to see more work done without reference to the effect on the worker." Then, with his characteristic smile lighting up his face, President Eliot said, "You see, I am an awful heretic, but I inherited my religion, was born in it, and all my observation and experience confirm my inherited attitude."

President Eliot expressed his fear that the Y. M. C. A. and kindred organizations might

be in danger of too much talk and not enough work, and he also deplored its tendency to draw workers away from the churches. One wished he might have spoken a little warmer word touching the association as now organized at Harvard, which certainly strikes the cosmopolitan note every time; but that was not his subject, and President Eliot has a way of sticking to his text—and this time it was a big one.

The denseness of ignorance and the invincibility of prejudice touching foreign missions part of even civilized beings residing in Christian lands passes comprehension. I encountered not long ago, for instance, a man, who asserted vehemently and with apparent erity that Miss Stone's capture by brigands was a scheme devised in the foreign missionary headquarters here in Boston with the sole view of raising money from people and advertising in this dramatic way the missionary movement. I suppose there may be persons besides this man, who, with all ontward evidence of sanity in other respects, cherish such ideas touching the real design of persons behind foreign missions Apparently they think that the secretaries of the American Board, for instance, have nothing else to do but to cond for producing sensational effects the other side of the globe. When they see Dr. Judson Smith and Dr. Barton, for instance, lunching together they immediately conclude that these amiable gentlemen are working out the details of some future Armenian massacre on the basis of which they shall appeal to the home churches for funds. When laymen as President Capen and Colonel Hopkins put aside their engrossing interes s once ek in order to attend a Prudential Committee meeting, why it's plain enough that in about six months we shall hear of another case of brigandage or another Boxer uprising in western China. O yes, the missionary movement in other particulars goes so eas-ily! It's such a simple matter to raise money here at home and oversee the operations of 500 missionaries on the field that both the paid and the unpaid officials who superintend the work really have to devise these sanguinary and thrilling schemes in order that Satan may find no mischief for their leisure hours! Meanwhile Miss Stone continues to have appreciative audiences in different parts of the country. She is just now in the West and her lecture appointments and the preparation of her book for the press will keep her busy till early summer.

Woman's Board Friday Meeting

CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE, BOSTON, FEB. 27

The story of the Good Samaritan with suggestive words from Mrs. Samuel Lane Loomis as leader furnished the Scripture lesson.

The missionaries in Zulu land whose names have been upon the calendar for the last two weeks received special attention; the Bridgman trio, the mother who went out in 1860 and the daughter and daughter-in-law who followed some years later; Mrs. Edwards, earliest adopted missionary of the Woman's Board and the others at Inanda; the workers at Umzumbe, Umvoti and Esidumbini, the three at present in this country, Mrs. Goodenough, Mrs. Ransom and Mrs. Cowies. A letter was read from Miss Martha Pixley, who speaks of herself as "a miscellaneous missionary, with no very definite department." A recent letter from Miss Phelps was also read.

Miss Closson gave an encouraging word from the hospital work in Talas, and Mrs. Schneider read extracts from a letter from Miss Isabel Trowbridge reporting interesting revival work in Aintab.

Miss Prudden gave an account of the special meeting in New Haven, Feb. 20, and Miss Lamson of the young ladies' societies of Suffol Branch in Dorchester, Feb. 21.

Two Striking Voices at the Chicago Convention

By Rev. A. A. Berie, D. D., Union Park Church, Chicago

already had in its columns an account of the remarkable gathering in Chicago under the auspices of the American Institute of Sacred Literature. That convention will pass into history for various things hardly contemplated by the projectors. Their keynote was education. The convention's was evangelization. They thought of the value of the gathering for its effect upon the intellectual life of the nation and only secondarily of the spiritual results which were to be secured. The convention as surely thought first of the spiritual problems of which the ignorance that the new program was to dispel was only a signal. It is perfectly clear that evangelization and the spiritual ends of religious education were not first in the minds of the leaders in the movement. It is as clear that what the mighty fellowship represented had most in mind was a new spiritual life.

This difference of view appeared on the opening night. In the immense gathering which assembled on the initial evening in the Auditorium I was especially interested to discover the temper of the assembled thousands with respect to the great issues which are before the Christian Church at the present moment. For this reason I noted the reception of various classes of ideas: (1) those which had reference to social questions and necessities; (2) those which had to do with the competency and effectiveness of the ministry; (8) e which appealed for a distinctively intellectualized Christianity; and (4) thos which struck what might be called the spiritual note with evangelization as the expression of the method of securing it. There were other things but on these the response of the thousands was significant and interesting.

In the first place the social note passed by almost without recognition. There were few references to it anyway, and what there were did not excite any special interest.

The references to the ministry, possibly because there were so many minis-ters present, when unfavorable, did not seem to evoke any considerable enthusiasm except when they struck at a point where the ministers were brought into sharp contrast with some great natural duty of the calling, which they obviously neglected. But here, too, there was general apparent recognition, that the way out did not lie in the direction of criticising the ministry, which was itself seen to be a result rather than a cause in the whole question involved. Once when a distinguished educationist of New York baldly presented the question of the minister's responsibility for the Biblical ignorance of his parish and said, "If not the minister's whose is it?" obviously making a bid for applause directed against the clergymen, there was a dead silence which brought into relief the fact that the laymen have not quite lost their senses on this subject. There was no disposition, let the brethren keep in mind, to relieve us of any real responsibility,

Readers of The Congregationalist have but there was a no less obvious determiready had in its columns an account of nation to be just.

Among the most striking things, however, was the great contrast between the demands for a spiritual, as opposed to a purely intellectualized Christianity. Though it was par excellence a convention of educators, and though the educational note was sounded on every occasion, the announcement of a purely intellectual conception and presentation of the Bible utterly failed to command the convention, while every mention, even remote, of the spiritual moment of the hour, received prompt and overwhelming demonstrations. Perhaps no single session illustrated this more than the morning session on Wednesday, when Professor Dewey of the University of Chicago spoke, followed by President King of Oberlin

Coe and Starbuck had Professors spoken, the former with earnestness, receiving attention and applause inversely as he spoke on and off his topic. When he emphasized the purely psychological elements of the question of religious education he was listened to with respect and interest; when he spoke of the spiritual ends to be secured he was applauded to the echo. The psychologist was heard but the spiritual-minded man was wel-comed. Professor Coe's address was perhaps the most interesting blending these things that could be made with his special viewpoint, but he must have been aware at the close that what won for him his approval was not the thing for which he distinctively stands. The convention appeared to rejoice that he held to some of the things which he so effectively announced and considerably surprised thereat also. Professor Star-buck, if he did not fail utterly, came so near it that his address may be dismissed without comment since the utter absence of anything spiritual or spiritually suggestive rendered it practically a vacant point in the convention.

Then came Professor Dewey and while following still upon the psychological ground, the convention gave its expression of approval enthusiastically at certain significant points. One of these is worth noting. The younger psychologists with their recently acquired data and immature enthusiasms did not find in the foremost psychologists of the West absolute acceptance. He hastened to caution the convention against the wholesale acceptance of generalizations based upon data that could not be conclusive and that had not been sifted. He counseled interest and hospitality for these new methods, but warned against headiness and rashness in abandoning many sound and well-integrated ideas to venture upon paths which, while alluring, were not necessarily those which led to the best results. This so fully accorded with the convention's mind that it was received with marked demonstrations of approval. Obviously the new system, when it is evolved, is not going to be given over quite to a conjectural psy-

On the heels of the strong paper of Professor Dewey came President King who immediately proceeded to break in upon the convention, which was already own, with the announcement that the imitative faculties of the child were to be primarily considered, and that this convention was not called to create a series of psychological pyrotechnic displays. He drove home the old truth that religious fellowship-in other words the old familiar methods of association with spiritualminded people-was after all both psychologically and practically the soundest truth in religious education. President King's address was the only one which drew from the speaker an expression of personal devotion to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and while being a message of instruction, was also a confession of faith. Here, again, the convention broke bounds and made the great address greater by thus declaring it to be the exponent of the primary feelings and ideals of that body itself.

All this and much more was confirmed in conversation with the brethren and in many other ways. What struck me most was the magnificent evangelistic equipment represented in this gathering, and how mightily the church would feel, if it had a chance to feel, these voices ringing in her pulpits. College presidencies are not commonly associated with evangelistic labors, and yet in former days the most remarkable appeals on the Day of Prayer for Colleges, as well as on other days when the question of personal consecration was distinctively before the students, came from the presidents. Whatever the "religion of a mature mind" may be, one thing was certainthat in a distinctively educational convention, the greatest response was of a character which cannot be more satisfactorily classified than by calling it evangelistic. This was a remarkable fact.

It proved to my mind many things: among them (1) that the Higher Criticism has not substantially affected the evangelistic capacity of the church, although it seems to have forced it into temporary retirement; (2) that what started out to be religious education wound up by being more distinctively educated religion and that not essentially different from the real thing in any class of society; (3) that mere eulogies of the Bible do not constitute the respect for it nor is its literary exposition preaching the gospel; and (4) that the real preachers of the Word are also its best expositors and its soundest interpreters. Unless all the signs are at fault, the day of our deliverance is nigh and the Babylonish captivity of Christian intellectualism is to end in a glorious liberty of spiritual realities.

More and more we are coming to feel that it is a diagrace for a healthy person to be doing nothing. Instead of boasting that they have an easy time, men are a little ashamed of confessing that their berth in life is an easy one.—Rev. Willard B. Thorp.

The Old Tradition and the New

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In a publication of the year 1902 may be found the four paragraphs, defining the issues at stake between the older orthodoxy and the type of Higher Criticism now currently denominated the modern view. I do not name the author because I prefer to treat the publication as representative rather than personal. The ability displayed in it entitles it to be so treated. Many statements of like character have appeared; this is one of particular excellence, chosen from among the many.

And what are these two methods? That of the Higher Criticism is—that the Bible shall be interpreted by a devout study of its various parts with all the light that can be thrown upon it from all sources. Its concrete purpose is to ascertain its full and exact history. It has no theory of inspiration; it simply investigates, and reports what it finds.

The method of the other side is based on an unquestioning assent to the Bible as a miraculously inspired book, every word literally true, every event historical, without myth or legend-infallible—the whole being the product of the direct inspiration of God and therefore equally authoritative in all its parts. Such and so unlike are the two methods.

The two methods cannot be mingled; each excludes the other by its definition of itself. If either side crosses the dividing line in order to make exceptions, the issue between them dies out and debate ceases for lack of a question.

It should be enough to dispel all doubts and fears over this subject that almost the whole body of educated teachers in our colleges and theological seminaries, as well as those in Great Britain, accept the Higher Criticism in its main points. . . If this vast body of men are regarded as self-deceived and mistaken in conclusions which they have reached through close and conscientious scrutiny, the question may well be raised whether those who doubt them are sane.

The first of these four paragraphs, as here arranged, defines the position of the Higher Criticism; the second defines the position of the old orthodoxy; the third affirms that we must all necessarily take one or the other of these two positions; the fourth gives a reason, affirmed to be sufficient, why we should prefer the position of the Higher Criticism.

I. WHAT IS THE HIGHER CRITICISM

The definition of the Higher Criticism here given is a definition of an ideal. No well-read man would say that it is true of all higher critics now living. There are higher critics and higher critics. The cited passage says that the higher critics practice "a devout study" of the Scriptures. Their opponents take pleasure in testifying that there are devout higher critics among the advocates of the modern view; but there are also others who do not seem to be devout.

Again, the cited passage says that the Higher Criticism studies the Bible "with all the light that can be thrown upon it from all sources." The one principal objection made to the prevalent Higher Criticism by its opponents is that it refuses to do just this thing. Their objection is not that it refuses to accept their theory of inspiration, but that it refuses to use "all the light... from all sources."

Their view is that to an irrational degree it rejects testimony, particularly the testimony of the Bible itself, and that in the same irrational manner it accepts mere conjecture in the place of evidence.

The passage asserts that the Higher Criticism "has no theory of inspiration."
This may be true of the Higher Criticism, but it certainly is not true of the higher critics. Some of them are silent on the subject; but a good many seek to reassure their opponents by affirming that the Bible has an inspiration that renders it unique; while others, probably the majority, treat the Biblical claims to unique inspiration as mere fable, and make this presupposition basal in their investigations. The theory that the Scriptures are false in claiming to be inspired is just as really a theory of inspiration as is the theory that they are inspired. As a matter of fact the published works of the scholars of the modern view are as much affected by the opinions their authors hold concerning inspiration as are the published works of the older ortho-

Once more, the cited passage says that the Higher Criticism "simply investi-gates, and reports what it finds." It does not confine its reports, however, to matters of fact as distinguished from philosophy or doctrine. Higher critics of reputation report that they find the doctrines heretofore held by Christians to be either groundless or positively false in such matters as the incarnation, the birth of Jesus, his miracles, his resurrection, his atonement, his mediatorial character, many of his specific teachings, a large part of his biography, the personal Holy Spirit, the individual interest taken by God in his creatures. If any one thinks that this is too sweeping a statement of the case, let him take a full course of reading in the Encyclopædia Biblica, or in other works of that stripe. After that, let him ask himself: Provided these men are correct, can we be sure that even the peerless humanity of Jesus is anything more than a figment of the imagination? Provided they are correct, is the fatherhood of God anything else than a figure of speech?

Some one will reply that it is not fair to charge higher critics indiscriminately with the teaching of such doctrines as these. Of course it is not; that is the point I wish to make. And it is equally unfair to credit them indiscriminately with a fine devotedness to evangelical doctrine. If the higher critics who love the gospel will persist in ranging themselves with those who deny every teaching of the gospel, they can hardly blame others for following the same classification. This is the case as it stands: an influential portion of the scholars of the modern view repudiate most of the great truths of Christianity, as these have hitherto been understood; the present trend of the modern view is strongly in this direction; and nowhere among the scholars of the modern view is there an expression of any but the mildest opposition to it.

II. FAIR PLAY FOR THE OLDER VIEW

The cited passage affirms that "the method of the other side is based on an unquestioning assent to the Bible as a miraculously inspired book." "Unquestioning assent" has come to be an ambiguous term. The common doctrine of American scholars has not been that we are to believe the Scriptures unquestioningly without investigating their claims, but that we are first to investigate, and then, if we find them to be the word of God, accord to them their credence to which this fact entitles them.

Again, the cited passage says that the older view of the Bible counts "every word literally true, every event historical." Certainly it counts all parts of the Bible as thoroughly true, each part in its own proper meaning; but that is a very different thing from counting the Bible as literally true in the sense of wholly excluding the element of figure of speech or of fiction. The older tradition has always held that the element of religious parable is prominent in the Scriptures.

Doubtless some men have taught mechanical views of the inerrancy of Scripture. But there are many of us, opposers of the so-called modern view, who experience no sensation as of one looking into a mirror when we read such a passage as the one that has been cited. Indeed, we are so presumptuous as to claim that we are trying to interpret the Bible "by a devout study of its various parts with all the light that can be thrown upon it from all sources;" and that our "concrete purpose is to ascertain its full and exact history." At the outset of an inves tigation we do not assume it to be a fact that the Bible is uniquely inspired; but we equally avoid the assumption that it is not so inspired. We do not assume it to be a fact that the statements of the Bible are all thoroughly truthful, but we also avoid assuming that they are untruthful. We are ready to recognize elements of fiction in the Bible to any extent to which the evidence actually shows that they are there. We are aware that fiction, whether in the form of parable, fable, allegory, poem, myth or leg-end, may be as truthful in its own proper meaning as fact can be, and may teach the same spiritual lessons which it would teach if it were fact. But we insist that questions of this kind shall be decided upon evidence and net according to the exigencies of some preconceived theory. And in dealing with the evidence we insist that the testimony of the Bible on any point shall be examined before it is

We are ready to accept evolution as a fact to the extent to which it is proven to be a fact. Beyond that we are willing to accept it as a working hypothesis up to the peint where it comes into conflict with facts. Our belief that the supreme energy of the universe is a personal God does not preclude our accepting evolution as a method in which the personal God ordinarily works. But we do not believe

that Jehovah is the slave of evolution and then follow it, no matter where it that the account of the Sermon on the any more than that Jupiter is the slave of the fates.

We try to deal with the miraculous elements in the Bible on the basis of the fair weighing of evidence. Past generations have shown a disposition to interpret marvels into the Scriptures. We are willing to part with all supposed miraculous elements that can fairly be eliminated by just interpretation or explanation or any other process consistent with the evidence in the case. But we insist that some one's notion that God never works a miracle is not by itself a sufficient reason for declaring accredited testimony to be false.

In fine, the question of method between us and the higher critics of the modern view is the question as to how testimony is to be treated. We affirm that in the beginnings of an investigation statements of fact are to be provisionally accepted as true, except as there are reasons for not so accepting them; and that, as the investigation proceeds these provisional results are still to be accepted save in so far as reasons may appear for rejecting or modifying them, or for holding them open. Perhaps our opponents would accept this rule thus stated. But if so, their procedure under it is different from ours. They have among them a tradition of some hundreds or thou-sands of instances of false statements in the Old and New Testaments. Accepting these, their minds are filled with the impression that other statements of fact from the same sources are likely to be untrustworthy; and so their disregard of the Biblical testimony grows as they proceed in their investigations. We, on the contrary, examine each of the alleged instances before rejecting it, with the result that most of the instances at once disappear, and our confidence in the Bible testimony grows as we proceed. As our courses diverge, we are compelled to regard theirs as unscientific and misleading and disastrous. As for us, we reach at length a position where we are able to affirm with conviction the propositions which we waived at the outset. namely, the thorough truthfulness and the unique divine inspiration of the Scriptures, and therefore the authoritative character of their teachings.

III. ARE THE TWO METHODS IRRECON-CILABLE

The passages that have been cited affirm that "the two methods cannot be mingled," that "if either side crosses the dividing line, . . . the issue between them dies out and debate ceases for lack of a question." Whatever this may mean, it is uncritical. The proper question to ask is not, "Which side is true?" but, "What is the truth in the case?" The ceasing of debate is not a calamity. provided the debate ceases because the question is solved.

In its context this statement that the two methods cannot be mingled seems to be given as a reason why we should not flinch even when the conclusions of the Higher Criticism become startling and shocking. The reasoning seems to be that there are just these two positions to take and no others, so that the only thing to do is to choose one of the two paths

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ad of this, I should like to advocate a different alignment of the issue involved. The problem is not one of those in which a simple affirmative and a simple negative constitute an exhaustive list of possible mental attitudes. As a matter of fact many different positions are possible.

There are many thinking men who reject the older teachings concerning the Scriptures, but whose convictions are against agnosticism in such matters as written revelation and miracle and prayer and the personal Holy Spirit and the person of Jesus, who yet allow themselves to be lined up with agnostics in the attack upon old-fashioned orthodoxy. This seems to me a forced and unnatural state of things. It is a party division which separates men who ought to be together, and brings into alliance men whose views are really antagonistic.

The difference of method, our difference with the higher critics of this class. is important : but it is insignificant compared with that which separates the higher critic who accepts the Jesus of the gospels as supreme Lord from the other higher critic who regards Jesus as a rather remarkable man, born no one knows where, who somehow became the fecus of the imagination of the generations that followed him, thus giving rise to that mass of legendary narrative, half of it incredible and the other half but partly true, now known as the four gos-Is it too much to ask that the first of these two higher critics shall be outspoken in the matters in which he differs with the second? This matter in which he agrees essentially with the men of the older tradition is far more important than the matters in which he disagrees with them. Is he loval to his convictions if he without protest simply stands by his agnostic ally? Surely there ought to be here a new alignment of forces.

It is easy to say that the personality of Jesus is the great thing in the New Testament, and that it is therefore of no particular consequence if the men of the New Testament were mistaken in many of their opinions and in many of their statements of fact. I do not care to discuss this further than to say that if their supposed errors are sufficiently extensive to vitiate their testimony concerning the personality of Jesus, then the matter becomes of the utmost importance; for apart from the New Testament we have no adequate knowledge of the personality of Jesus.

So it is not a trifling matter when distinguished higher critics affirm that the accounts of the virgin birth, the rising from the dead, the ascension, are fables; that either the account of the death of Jesus or else the several accounts of his interviews with men after his death are untrue; that the passages in Matthew and Luke in which he is represented as speaking in detail of the destruction of Jerusalem were written after that event, thus proving the late date of these gospels, and proving, also, that they are mistaken in attributing these sayings to Jesus; that the account of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem and all accounts which imply that there was at that time a city called Nazareth are untrue to fact :

Mount is a make-up, the so-called sermon being a plecing together of some one's recollection of various teachings uttered at various times; that the accounts of the temptation and the various accounts of the miracles of Jesus are colored by the imagination of later generations.

I suppose that not less than half the statements made in the four gospels concerning Jesus are thus discredited, and this of course implies the diminishing of the credit of all the statements that remain. This is done by leaders among the higher critics, and there is no clear, emphatic repudiation of it by the remaining higher critics. But if one to this extent discredits the gospels, can we afterward depend upon their presentation of the personality of Jesus as being true tofact? I have no doubt that the personality of Jesus is a living reality to some who hold these views; but it is so as the product of their religious insight, and atthe cost of their intellectual inconsist-

Further, it is easy to say that Jesus himself affirms that there are limitations to his knowledge, and therefore that our high estimate of him need not suffer even if he honestly affirmed some things that we now know to be contrary to fact. Here, as in the preceding instance, I donot care to discuss the general proposition. The question is not concerning some supposable limitations of the inerrancy either of the Scriptures or of Jesus: it is concerning the limitations that are actually attributed to them. Distinguished writers affirm that Jesus taught wrong views concerning the history of his nation, concerning Moses and the institutions of Israel, concerning Moses as a writer, concerning David and the Psalms, concerning his own descent from David, concerning the powers of healing he exercised, concerning prediction by the ancient prophets, concerning his second coming, concerning his resurrection, concerning the supernatural authority of Scripture, concerning many other matters, in fine, that a large percentage of his most important teachings are contrary to the truth. They claim that it is the part of true friendship for Jesus to admit that he was thus mistaken in a large part of the range of his teaching, saying that he could not be expected to be so far in advance of his age as to avoid these mistakes. Now when a man tells me that he thus discounts the statements of Jesus, say thirty per cent., and in the same breath tells me that he bows in reverence before the intellectual and moral peerlessness of Jesus, I do not doubt his sincerity, but I think he is more likely than Jesus to be the mis-taken man. For most men the peerlessness of Jesus is gone if they get to thinking that he was either so weak minded or so careless as to be a good deal in the habit of making assertions that he did not know to be true.

If the men who believe in the reality of Jesus as he is accepted in Christian experience would be outspoken in their opposition to those who teach the contrary and would so define their critical attitude as to justify their belief, there would be a tremendous realignment of the forces now engaged in the battles of criticism.

IV. THE ALLEGED AGREEMENT OF THE SCHOT ARS

The reason given in the passages cited for having no "doubts and fears" concerning the Higher Criticism is that it is accepted "in its main points" in the United States and Great Britain by "almost the whole body of educated teachers in our colleges and theological semi-This is an over-statement, naries." though it is nearer to the truth than I wish it were.

So far forth as this consensus among men who occupy educational positions is a fact, the fact is largely to be accounted for by the splendid skill with which the men of the modern view have managed their propaganda, and largely by the phenomenal blundering of their opponents.

The nature of the consensus is not precisely that which one might at first imagine. What are these "main points" on which all these scholars agree? Answer this question specifically, and you will greatly diminish the significance of the agreement. Further, there is no point in which the existing consensus is more uniform than this: that the opinions held ten years hence will probably be very different from those now held. A consensus in regard to matters that are known to be fluctuating differs from a final consensus.

But even if the consensus were less tentative in its character, and if there were not these ways of accounting for a part of it, and if it were more nearly unanimous than it is, we of the opposition could not consent to be so uncritical as to accept it as conclusive. The knowledge of truth depends upon evidence and not upon majority votes. The opinion of respected men has its own proper value as evidence, and no more. The consensus in the American and British colleges and seminaries was more complete fifty years ago than it is now. That consensu not prove that the views then held were true; and this consensus does not prove that the very different views now held are true.

On the whole, we may venture to disregard this consensus in points in which the evidence seems to us to be against it.

But if we do this, says the cited pas sage, "the question may well be raised whether" we "are sane." That is really frightful. Of course one would prefer not to be considered insane. But we do hold that conclusions should be based on evidence rather than on a current fashion of opinion. If this is a mark of insanity we shall have to plead guilty. We take comfort in contemplating certain earlier instances of alleged insanity of this type, the cases of Jeremiah and of Jesus, for example.

And inasmuch as the specific delusion charged upon us consists in our being confident that the Scriptures are truthful and inspired, we take comfort in reflecting that we share that delusion with nearly all the men who have heretofore made the religion of the Scriptures the greatest blessing the world ever had. On the basis of the rule, "By their fruits ye shall know them," we can afford to com-pare our views with the views of our opponents.

Fully conscious that the theories of the need improvement; acknowledging that the present revolution is in part a revolt against wrong ideas and methods; appreciating the great light from explora-tion, and greater light from linguistic studies which have arisen within the past sixty years; recognizing the good work which literary criticism has done at many points; holding our minds open to every tested discovery of truth from every source; we are yet certain that there will be no final settlement of Biblical questions on the basis of the Higher Criticism that is now commonly called by that name. Many specific teachings of the system will doubtless abide. But so far forth as it goes upon the assumption that statements of fact in the Scriptures are pretty generally false, so far forth it is incapable of establishing genuinely permanent results.

The Annie Laurie Mine:

A Story of Love, Economics and Religion

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Chapter XIII.

PROFIT-SHARING AT THE ANNIE LAURIE



OHN HOPE insisted on paying the men of the Annie Laurie Mine weekly, and on paying them weekly their entire wage, to a copper, with-out anything "held back on account.' "It is a little more trouble," he said, "but the men have

est on their money, not we." In the pay envelopes on the Saturday following the first Sunday of public worship, along with the money was a slip on which were printed the

words:

"The management hopes that this company will presently admit all its faithful employees to a just share in the profits of its mine; and, ultimately, to some real share in the mine's ownership and management. For the sake of experiment, pending the formulating of a plan for this, a certain sum has come into the control of the president, to be used for a few weeks as if the first item of the plan were already in operation. The memorandum accompanying the cash in this envelope will indicate what part of the cash is wages, and what is a share of the profits."

The proportion, be it said, was ten per co of the estimated profits of the mine for the week, distributed to the entire pay roll, pro week, distributed to the entire pay ron, pro-rata to each man's total earnings. Be it added, also, that the "certain sum" was personally contributed by John Hope and Duncan McLeod, and that no one besides themselves

ever knew its source. Be it added, moreover, that George Wilkinson, who was like a wizard at figures, volunteered to apportion the bulk sum to each man, and did it with a zeal and accuracy that could not have been exce Be it added, once more, that such were John Hope's intelligence and perfection of man it, that, at the middle of each week, the mine's net profits for the even week preceding ed in a book prepared for the pur pose, with a precision that, on its being tested through long periods, like a quarter or half year, surprised even himself.

What came about, during the weeks that followed, was profit-sharing, with this qualifi-cation, that two men, who, however, owned half the mine, contributed the funds which the employees shared. This, moreover, was done as an experiment with a view to

strict profit-sharing later. An angel from heaven would not have been so effective as this slip in the pay envelopes on Saturday. Hope had at length turned to sight. No faithful worker was longer a mere wage-carner. He was in the business. He shared its proceeds. He might accumulate beyond a pittance, and so provide for himself and for others. Furthermore, the mine was so profitable that the additional sum to each man for that week alone was surprisingly large. In the mail that departed from the Annie Laurie Mine on the following Monday morning there went seventeen letters asking dy to remove thither with the as to be re children upon the opening of the spring; eleven proposals of marriage from men who would not have asked the hand of the woman they loved for average mining conditions; and forty-nine letters containing remittances

Meantime Duncan McLeod began, as part of the program of the Wednesday night meetings, a series of brief talks, pithy, full of illustration, and of the keenest interest, on

ractical duties, such as sincerity, industry, thrift, getting on in the world, social obliga-

tions, marriage, making a home, etc.
"B' the Holy Mother," cried Patrick Sullivan, after the first of these talks, as his eye ran down the winsome list of topics for the next few weeks which Duncan had had printed on a neat card, "if Sullivan had heard talks like thim whin he was one and twenty, he'd ha' been a man!"

But the greatest change that came at the mine was in Dunean McLeod himself. It was everybody's talk. But for a chivalrous delicacy that, like the breath of a home, had begun to mark the men, Dunean would surely have overheard some of it. As it was, he was autifully unconscious of it all, and of wha had happened within himself, save as some words of his to his mother, about to be recorded, will indicate. John Hope did, indeed,

corded, will indicate. John Hope did, indeed, one day, in his wise way, remark:
"Duncan, you always reminded me of a Messianic psalm in this camp; but, since the services began, it has been more as if the Messiah himself had come." Then John's lips quivered, and he turned away.

The services had begun the last Sunday in November. In a latter to his mother, written

November. In a letter to his mother, written in the middle of February, Duncan said:
"My mother, my heart is broken. It seems as if it never would heal. In fact, I do not

want it to. Something would be the ma with me if any but Kathleen could heal it.

But, O my mother, the disclosures of God this sair burt has brought me; the manifestation of Jesus Christ as a present Saviour of an infinite love; and the tenderness for everybody, even the vilest, that the twain have wrought in my heart,—I would have died a thousand deaths rather than to have missed.

"The Valley of Baes, my mother, is become

a well."

Some glimpses of an evening at the Miners' Club, late in February, the night before John

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Hope started for New York to attend the profits, they increased four per cent.; the it. Is not the class which, however little meeting of the Annie Laurie stockholders, to next week, seven per cent.; the next, nine. they may sympathize with it, they, in a sense, be held March 1, will set forth how profitsharing worked, and what the general tone of This so interferes, as you know, with our titled to the treatment which I now propose?"

the mine had by this time become.

It was a special occasion. By an adjustment in the mining work, it was possible for nearly every man to be present, and no one able to be there was absent. After some preliminary be there was absent. After some preliminary business, a paper by George Wilkinson was announced, with the statement that Mr. Hope would like to say a few words before the paper began. Mr. Hope rose in his place, but was called to the front, and, on coming forward, paused until the silence became almost oppressive. He then spoke as follows:

"Gentlemen," he said, "I can hardly control myself to speak" His chin twitched, his eyes filled, and only by the most resolute self-restraint did he, after a moment. command

restraint did he, after a moment, command Then he proceeded:

"I will not dwell upon the religious side of the months since we began public worship here. The souls born into the kingdom, the Christian lives quickened, and the entirely new life that has become like a second nature to us now, cannot be suitably characterized. But when I think of the women and children that, perhaps before my return, will be re-united with husbands and fathers; and when I think of the confidences that have been re posed in me by lovers who will shortly be posed in me by lovers who will shortly be slipping away to claim their brides,—I am deeply moved. I am, as you know, a lone man, but I had a mother and father, and they were lovers until the father passed on,—yes, are lovers, I am sure, still. I thank God; and I thank the splendid bearing and tempe our men, which, so soon, will make possible a very considerable community of home gathering around our plant. Pardon me, but I could not help referring to these matters. ean better days yet for the Annie Laurie Mine.

"What I want specially to speak of is a somewhat fully matured plan which I am to lay before our stockholders next week, contemplating, out of the assets of the mine, a regular percentage, week by week, on its profits, to go to every approved worker from lowest to highest. This has been the case, experimentally, for a good many weeks, out of a fund in the president's hands, but I desire it to become the established policy of this mine. Not only so, but, in some just way,—hard to be worked out, because it is an intricate subject, but which, if I can have my way, shall be worked out,—I am going to propose to the stockho'ders that the men of this mine shall themselves presently have opportunity to own an appreciable part of it. That this plan be not one sided, I am going, moreover, to sug-gest to the stockholders the appointment of one or more persons on their side, to confer with one or more persons on your side, in formulating the method. I suppose, since the shares are so few,—only one hundred,—and you are so many, that such ownership will have to be in bulk, the stock held, perhaps, by a board of trust on your part; but, whether in that way, or in some other, I want it to be a real ownership in this mine by the men who desire it. And, on the same principle, I want the men to be represented in the management, proportionally to their share of the ownership.

Prolonged and prodigious applause ensued, which John Hope silenced by a motion of his

"Gentlemen," he proceeded, "I may not be able to effect these things; but I have some able to effect these things; but I have some impressive facts to present to you, which you yourselves have brought about, and which will be the strongest possible argument to sustain my proposition. As you are perhaps aware, we have a system of accounting and estimating at this mine, so that, every Wednesday, we know, with an accuracy that is truly surprising, just what our prefits were for the preceding even week. For the first full week after you began sharing in the

work, that, ordinarily, our profits would have dropped from ten to twenty-five per cent. below the notch they were at. On the contrary, they a little more than held their own.

For the fifth week,—reckoning, as in all these instances, by comparison with the last week before the profit-sharing began, which, by the way, was a very good week,—the increase

became eleven per cent.

From that time on, it has been steadily climbing, until, last week, our profits, with no appreciable change in conditions, but only in the spirit and efficiency of the men, were nineteen per cent. above that standard. In short, by your deepening interest and faithfulness, as the result of this experiment, you have more than earned the ten per cent. profits which, week by week, have gone to you in your pay envelopes. This, gentlemen, to say nothing of the righteousness in the case, demonstrates that the system pays for itself, which I have always con would. For this superb result, men of the Annie Laurie Mine, I thank you with all my heart; and, God helping me, you shall have your reward."

Hereupon John Hope returned to his seat, but not for long. The applauding that began upon his last syllable went on until the men stood on their chairs, threw up their hats, and, as by a common impulse, rushed upon him, lifted him upon their shoulders, and, forming in procession, like college boys when e won on gridiron or river, l around the hall, singing songs as they went, and cheering him to the echo. This he meekly bore, for he had a boy's heart, though he would gladly have prevented it, until, at a favorable moment, between the stanzas of a song, he leaped down, ran to the platform, and, in thunderous tones, exclaimed, "Gentemen, In thunderous cones, exciamed, "centiemen, I am astounded at such unparliamentary conduct! You will at once come to order." The laugh was then on them, the chairman assumed the gavel, and John Hope

went back to his seat.
When George Wilkinson rose to read his paper, he prefaced it by these words: "Rarely have you heard a religious expression from my lips. What I want to say now, and es pecially after what we have just heard, is, that if heaven is more blessed than life at this mine has been since the profit-sharing began, I shall be afraid the blessedness will

This speech-for, to the minds of the men, so many consecutive words not read from a paper, and proceeding from their president, seemed a speech—occasioned another tumult

It is important, in considering the industrial-economic problem," George Wilkinson read from his manuscript, "to see the whole question, and not merely a part of it. Each side has a case. If each side would try to occupy the other's point of view, we should get on faster. We have often considered the side of the working man, and of poverty. We have too often forgotten the side of the capitalist and of wealth. I am asking you briefly, tonight, to let me state the case on the side of capital and wealth. Answers to these positions will, in part, readily occur to us all; but the point I am making is, that we tend to see our side, and not the other side. Will it not be best, on the contrary, tonight, for us to give our attention, not to answering these to give our attention, not to answering these points, and making out a counter case, but to understanding and appreciating the points themselves? Consider, too, the means, the standing and the power, classifying as capitalist power, which belong to our president, to the stockholders in this mine, and to our head assayer. And yet consider that these persons are trying, nevertheless, to see our side of the question, and to meet it in the magnificent way in which they are meeting

Here the entire audience spplauded, not, indeed, in the nature of the case, with the abandon of the earlier demonstrations, but with a hearty good-will, and the applause much prolonged.

"The Case of the Side of Wealth?"

"First.-Poverty is, in many insta to no small extent, the fault of the poor. Many of them drink. They have other vices. Or they are indolent, unenterprising, bad managers. Unthrift and poverty are next of

"Second.—Poverty's case is made worse by d advisers. Instead of counsel looking to bad advisers. Instead of counsel looking to obviating it from within, by courage, indus-try, thrift and enterprise, all sorts of noss are offered for outward application. Particularly, in labor organizations, which have many excellences, there is, nevertheless, much cheap demagggism, and, in frequent instances, an absence of reason, of good judgment and even of common justice. In America this is far oftener the case than in Great Britain.

Third.-Poverty has its advantages. If it occasions anxiety, so do riches. The rich man would often be glad to exchange his for that of the working man. Poverty, also, is a great spur to endeavor. Most persons of wealth came up from poverty, either directly, or within two or three generations; and its or within two or three genera tions; ar pressure was largely the goad that occasioned their escape. The struggles of poverty, moreover, induce strength, endurance, a valiant temper, and other highly serviceable traits.

"Fourth.—Wealth develops the country,

undertakes large enterprises, organizes industry, and affords it employment. public benefactor, even were it never bene

"Fifth.—Wealth, in its very nature, re-quires wealth. The conditions which it in-volves necessitate vastly heavier expenditures than the conditions of labor necessitate. For this reason, wealthy men are often und great pecuniary pressure, relatively speaking, as the person who knows not whence his next meal will come. Living, too, as its posses feel themselves obliged to live, the plain con-ditions of many workingmen's lives would be injurious or fatal to them, and to those dependent on them. The great brain power, moreover, required in organizing industry, and in carrying on large enterprises, deserves large compensation. Such compensation is, though often extravagantly, the wage rate for it, as comparatively small pay is for the la-

"Sixth.-Wealth gives. It gives unceasevolences, if ingly. The sum total of its benevolences, if that total could ever be ascertained, would be

almost incredibly large.
"Seventh.—The 'unearned increment,' so called, in the value of real estate and other properties, has, closely paralleling it, an 'un-divided decrement.' Values shrink from innumerable causes, and incessantly; there are losses, failures and disasters, all the harder to bear because of previous affluence. Any theory of profit sharing, or of joint ownership with labor, must carefully take into account the 'undivided decrement,' and provide for it. It is this matter of the 'undivided decrement' that introduces almost the most perplexing element into any application of the theory of profit-sharing.

"Eighth.—In very many instances,- if not Eighth.—In very many instances,—if not a majority, certainly a large minority,—employers would be glad to pay higher wages, and otherwise to do for their employees; but they cannot, because of the stress of competition, because of the arbitrary requirements of combinations of wealth, and, also, not infrequently, because of the arbitrariness of

labor organizations. Such employers, speakthe best they can, and deplore the fact that they cannot do better. One of them, who was undergoing Herculean toils to keep a large factory from shutting down, and who was doing so, in the then circumstances, at a slight loss, and almost exclusively with the motive of preventing his employees from hav-ing nothing to do,—said on a certain occasion: would far rather take a dinner-pail, and go to the mill for my day's work, than carry what I shall carry today.' Because there are many shocking instances of the precise opposite, we should not be blinded to the fact that there are multitudes whose theory and prac-tice are the best that conditions will permit.

"Ninth.-The hearts of many of the well-todo, and even of the very rich, are right on this problem. They brood over the situation ainfully, often, as do wage earners. This fact is very largely overlooked when motives are estimated, and harsh judgments passed.

"Tenth.—It follows, as a corollary," George Wilkinson concluded, "that the way out is not in the opposition of class to class, of capital to labor, of wealth to poverty; but in their getting together; in their understanding one another; in a large forbearance one toward another; and in those profoundly rational principles of brotherhood and of co-operation, which shall not restrict individualism, initia tive, the right of holding property, enterprise, ambition, and so forth; but which shall con-form the operation of these capacities, with love for others, with zeal for the common good, and with those large and comprehensive interests of mankind in which every individual's interests are inseparably bound up.

Applause ensued as George Wilkinson took his seat. It was of a quiet but sincere sort, and continued for a considerable time. A number of the members, in remarking upon the paper, emphasized its stronger points. A motion of thanks for it was carried by a unanimous rising vote, and the meeting adjourned. Before the men dispersed, they formed in line, and shook hands good-bye with the president of the mine, the handshaking being accompanied by many touching words of personal appreciation and grat-

h was the spirit prevalent and regu at the Annie Laurie Mine, when John Hope, gladder than he had ever been in his life before, mounted the stage at three o'clock on the following morning, and, under the stars, rode down the valley, entered the cafion, and thence pressed on his way, in the tender breaking of the morning light, for the railway station, seventy miles distant, whence he was to take, at six o'clock the next evening, the transcontinental mail for New York, where he hoped to see the dream of his life begin to e lasting shape by a solid vote of his stock

Chapter XIV., entitled Bonaparte Sharp, Captain of Finance, will appear next week.

Happenings in Washington

By Lillian Camp Whittlesey

The corner stone of the new War College in the reservation known as Washington Barracks was laid with much ceremony on the morning of Feb. 21. The establishment of this institution has been a pet scheme with Secretary Root. The ordnance shops at the navy yard are running night and day, the n working in shifts of eight hours each. Skilled mechanics are in demand, for even at this high pressure the work on hand will last for two years. Let us hope that these far-reaching plans for more highly trained service in the army, and better equipment of the navy. mean only a more secure peace establishment.

The annual report of the Patent Office, just published, shows that upwards of 48,000 pat-ents were granted in 1902 and that nearly half as many expired. The excess of receipts over expenditures was nearly \$160,000, making a balance to the credit of the office in the treasury of the United States of more th million dollars. A large addition to the examining and clerical force was made in July, many divisions are working over time and still weeks must often elapse before an application for a patent can be taken up for consideration.

President Rankin Leaves Howard University

On account of advancing years and enfecbled health, Rev. J. E. Rankin, D. D., LL. D., has given up the presidency of Howard University and has gone with Mrs. Rankin to reside with their daughters in Cleveland. Dr. Hamlin of the Church of the Covenant and a member of the board of trustees of the university will act temporarily as its president. It is more than a generation since Dr. Rankin became identified with the religious and educational life of the capital. His work in building up and strengthening the First Congrega tional Church covered sixteen years, and the "poet preacher," as he was often called, was heard by large and interested andiences. After an interim of four years spent as pastor in New Jersey, he came back to the city to succeed the late Dr. W. W. Patton as president of Howard University. During his service of thirteen years, he has seen the institution largely increased in several of its departments. Were the opportunity given, hundreds of hands, those of black people as well as of white, would be raised in answer to the question, Whom have the words of Dr. Rankin helped? Probably there is never an hour when somewhere on the globe his "God be

sung. Surely, echoes of these benedictions will surround him during the waiting years.

Close of a Gay Season

All agree that socially this has been one of the most brilliant of seasons. The weather has been unusually mild and agreeable. round of dinners, musicales and receptions at the White House has been continuous. .In diplomatic circles two weddings have occurred and the arrival of several new ambassadors has been the occassion of much feting. The Supreme Court as well as the Cabinet has a new member who has been the guest of honor at various dinners. The several college fra-ternity and alumni associations have had their annual banquets. One of the local papers is authority for the statement that as many as one hundred and fifty elaborate dinners have often taken place on a single even It was quite time to stop when Ash Wednesday came. For a week now strenuousness will center at the capitol.

Washington's Birthday was not a holiday on Capitol Hill, but the Senate dropped the Statehood Bill, clôture and treaties for an hour that Senator Dubois might read Washington's Farewell Address. He brought it in an elegant leather case and read to many empty seats on the floor of the house, while his voice failed to carry to the crowded galhis voice laised to carry to the crowded gal-leries. A tall, spare, youngish man, with warm-brown hair and ordinary features, was the observed of all observers as he sat—with his hands in his pockets—with Senator Raw-lins. He was Senator-elect Smoot from Utah. At the close of the reading his organization At the close of the reading his credentials were presented and referred, together with a protest presented by Senator Burrows of Michigan, to the proper committee.

The month that has witnessed the forma-tion of a new department, the beginning of a war college, the retirement of a justice from the Supreme Bench and the nomination of his successor, the coming of Ambassador Jusseraud of France, eminent in letters, closes with the twelfth session of the D. A. R. And marvelous to relate, Mrs. Fairbanks was elected president-general to succeed herself without a ripple of opposition. The consti-tution had to be amended to make her eligi-bility sure, but that matter was tactfully gotten over the first day. The work of the congress centers about plans for Continental

with you till we meet again," is not being Hall. The site is purchased and Congre has politely put it on the list of untaxable property. The delegates are here a thousand strong and with them many visiting daugh-ters whose fine attire brightens up hotel par-A guard of Minute Men in full Con nental costume act as ushers and make the congress very impressive, while the list of Colonial teas and Continental receptions, regents and chapters entertained and entertaining does not savor of strict Lenten observ-

> The creation of the Department of Commerce by act of Congress is an important event. It is more than fifteen years since the Department of Agriculture was organized, and over fifty years have passed since the Department of the Interior came into existence. Its secretary, Mr. George Bruce Cortel-you, has served at the White House during three administrations—first, as stenographer to President Cleveland, in whose service he to President Cleveland, in whose service he became executive clerk. His capacity for work and executive ability has been well proved, and his knowledge of public affairs and fine personality fit him to become a peer in a Cabinet whose premier was likewise sec-retary to a martyred President. Mrs. Cortelyou is a cultured woman who is not a stranger ficial society, but her tastes are domestic and her strongest interests are in the pleasant me on Capitol Hill with her little children.

On the day that Chief Justice Fuller admintered to Mr. Cortelyou the oath of his new office, Mr. William Loeb, Jr., took that of secretary to the President. He is from Albany and during the governorship of Presi-dent Roosevelt he was his private secretary and has been with him since, acting as assistant secretary since coming to Washington, until the present time. He is said to be able reet, and doubtless knows his chief better than any other man at the Whitehouse. By the way, it is "White House" now. All invitations to meet the President have this distinction and by his direction the name Executive Mansion is obsolete. final reception for the season was to the army final reception for the season was to the army and navy, and among the invited guests to watch the glittering throng were Chief Joseph and a band of braves. Their stolid faces gave no sign of what they thought of gold lace and décolleté gowns. The following day, two members of this Indian delegation were conspicuous on the avenue by the splendid long fur coats which they wore. It was bitterly cold and their suitable costume fairly madeone envious. one envious.

For Endeavorers

PRAYER MEETING

BY REV. H. A. BRIDGMAN

Topic, March 15-21. Lessons from the Sermon on the Mount: What Christ Teaches about Trust. Matt. 6: 19-34.

He taught comparatively little about trust as an abstract thing, did not analyze it into its component parts after the fashion of the theologians or the moralists. He simply revealed God to men and men to themselves. Then trust sprang up spontaneously in their hearts. God being what he is, infinite, eternal, all-loving, man being what he is, finite, eternal, sient inhabitant of this little planet we call earth, and sinful, the normal, the rational thing is for him to confide in his Maker, his Redeemer, his Friend.

Jesus set forth this basal truth of religion by means of pictures. Look at this field of lilies. Look at the little birds. Not one is unnoticed or unprovided for by God. How much more then will be care for you? Again Jesus uses that dearest, and most significant of all analogies, that of the relationship between father and child. tween father and child. And day by day, as we live in our homes and innoc faces look up confidingly into ours, we may learn anew the sweetness and the blessedness of God's relation to us and ours to him. Look into your own heart, father, and try to esti-mate the wealth of affection that wells up toward your little ones. Is there any hard-ship or sacrifice that you would not cheerfully endure in their behalf? God is as good as you are, declares Jesus Christ.

It must be that God loves to be trusted by his human children. Perhaps that is why he carries us sometimes down into the dark valcarries us sometimes down into the dark val-leys and over the thorny paths, takes away our earthly props and imposes heavy burdens. Perhaps that is why he gives wealth to com-paratively few persons, and warns so re-peatedly those who possess it to beware of the great spiritual perils inhering in it. If we could imagine a world totally free from pain and loss, from uncertainty and sin, it would be the kind of a world which could get along fairly well without a God. But given this universe as we face it day by day, God is the nec-

By revealing God by simple yet thrilling pictures, Jesus conveys his teachings about trust. But he teaches it most clearly as he taught every other truth, by his life. He is the supreme example of trust in God. He put nself entirely in his Father's hands, t himself entirely in his Father's hands, took all the chances of this life, claimed no exemption from suffering and cruel death because he was the son of God, flung himself upon his Father in heaven with unwavering confidence. He trusted his ideas with God, he threw them out upon soil at first hard and unresponsive, but he believed so entirely in their inherent power that they would little their inherent power, that they would, little by little, root themselves in the minds and hearts of men. And the fact that today the truths and standards which we call Christian and the admiration of the whole world proves that Jesus' trust was not misplaced.

Finally, he trusted his men with God. He knew that they were raw, wavering, weal but on the night before his death he present them to his Father with absolute confiden in that Father's ability to train them, a through them to build up the kingdom for which he was laying down his life. It is a great thing when we can trust God to the extent of leaving our dearest ones with him, to do in them and for them of his good pleasure.

We follow Jesus in this matter of trust just so far as we cast ourselves upon God, risk our future on the truth as it appeals to us, live every day amid all the chances and changes of this mortal life so steadily, so serenely, that men cannot but realize that we have a ground of confidence that never fails us.

The quadrennial General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church will meet in Los Angeles, Cal., in 1904. Boston and Philadelphia are disappointed suitors for the honor. This choice means much for Methodism on the Pacific coast.

Rev. Mark Guy Pearse, long Hugh Price Hughes' associate at the West End London Mission, preaching in Glasgow recently, said that London was a volcano which, unless it was Christianized, would burst some day. that Lor His fear for the future is based on the selfishness of the churches.

The venerable Protestant Episcopal bishop ode Island, T. M. Clark, in his lett the diocese, a letter read in the churches last Sunday, felt called upon to denounce gam-bling in high places and among society leaders, especially among women. This conforms to Rev. Dr. William R. Huntington's recent denunciation of the same practices among New York won

Under the will of Miss Harriet J. McIntire, of Boston, the City Missionary S bequests amounting to over \$8,000; \$5,000 is designated for use at Rosemary Cottage or in similar work, and \$3,000 for general pur-poses. After bequests varying from \$3,000 to \$25,000 to nearly a dozen individuals, the e of the estate is given entirely to the City ssionary Society for use at Rosemary Cottage or in similar work.

A series of addresses will be given in Syracuse, under the auspices of the Federation of Churches, by Rev. J. W. Hegeman, Ph. D., of New York, recently appointed secretary of the State Federation. An interdenominational ommittee of twenty-five ministers and laymen is arranging for them. Noonday prayer meet-ings will be held during the progress of the meetings, which began March 3. Dr. Hege-man is the founder of the New York City Pederation

The fight in committee between official Wes leyanism represented by Dr. Waller, and militant and aggressive Wesleyanism repre by Mr. R. W. Perks, M. P., over the attitude to be taken by Wesleyans toward the new Education Bill, has been won by Mr. Perks and the younger and more aggressive men. Wesleyans will stand with other Free Churchor in giving support to the principle of pub-control even of denominational schools, since it has been determined by parliament that denominational schools can go on the rates. All parties convened in committee to discuss this matter agreed heartily in condemnation of the Education Act as a measure, and it is now clear that the Free Churches are not to be without the important Wesleyan support.

About four years ago the Y. M. C. A. began populating specialists to conduct the Sunday appointing specialists to conduct the Sunday afternoon meetings for men in large cities. Great interest has developed, the largest theaters in many cities being crowded Sunday after Sunday. In Washington the attendance has often been over 2,500 and has averaged for the winter 1.500. Some of the most notable has often been over 2,500 and has averaged for the winter 1,500. Some of the most notable men of the capital regularly attend and take part in the services, while since Jan. 1, 300 men have declared their intention of leading Chris-tian lives. In Baltimore these men's meetings have an average attendance of 1,000 a week, while Kansas City, Springfield, Mass., and other places average more than a thousand. other places average more than a thousand.
Mr. Fred B. Smith is one of the most successful leaders of such services, and over 1,300 men decided for the Christian life in meetings of which he had charge.

The records of Berkeley Temple for 1902 show an average attendance at the Sunday morning service of 290, and 427 in the evening. This is one of the few churches in the city where the second service has a larger audience than the first. The total membership of the church is 669. The benevolences last year amounted to \$1,009.27. Last Sunday fifteen

Christian News from Everywhere
The quadrennial General Conference of the proving acceptable to all.

A Significant Movement

The students of Union Theological Seminary have arranged for a conference to consider the Opper-tunities and Work of the Ministry, to be held tunities and Work of the Ministry, to be held March 20-22. While the plan originated with the students it has the hearty co-operation of the faculty. The purpose of the conference is to present to college men deciding upon their life work definite and reliable information as to the opportunities and work of the ministry in this country. It is not intended to present the claims of any one denomination, nor to set forth the needs of the work in foreign lands, but to point out the opportunities offered to the ministry by general conditions existing in our own land.

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Letters have been sent to thirty of the principal seminaries of the country, asking them to co-operate in this movement by holding, if possible, similar conferences. Replies already received from several seminaries indicate their sympathy with the plan. The program includes two addresses on Opportunities Presented to the Ministry by Existing Spiritual and Intellectual Conditions, by Dr. George Alexander (Presbyterian), New York, and Dr. George William Knox, D. D., professor in Union Seminary, on Opportunities of the Ministry from the Layman's Point of View. Mr. Robert C. Ogden will speak as a business man, and President Butler will represent professional men. Rev. George H. Ferris (Baptist) of New Haven, Ct., Rev. Dr. Amory Bradford and Rev. Frank M. North, D. D., (M. E.) secretary of New York City Church Extension and Missionary Society will speak of the minister as

secretary of New York City Church Extension and Missionary Society will speak of the minister as preacher, as pastor, and as executive.

An afternoon will be devoted to a visit to the Union Settlement on the upper East Side, where addresses will be given by Rev. Gaylord S. White, director of the settlement, and by Rev. Waiter Laidlaw, Ph. D., secretary of the Federation of Churches of New York City. Prof. F. G. Peabody, D. D., of Harvard will preach on Salvation and Society, one of a series on the Doctrine of Salvation which are being delivered by eminent theologians and preachers. Prof. Thomas C. Hall, D. D., of Union Seminary will contribute an address on Life Decisions. Five of the principal denominations are represented on this list, and laydress on Life Decisions. Five of the principal de-nominations are represented on this list, and lay-men as well as ministers have a place. During the conference opportunities will be given for private consultation with the speakers. The visitors will be entertained at the seminary as guests of the students. It is hoped that a score or more of col-lege men from various institutions will attend.

Eastern Washington

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The past few weeks have been a period of unusual religious awakening in Whitman College. During holidays two young men were sent to the Y. M. C. A. College Conference at Pacific Grove, Cal., and these upon their return set resolutely to work trying to rouse the students to the need for personal work for the salvation of souls. Another line of emphasis was the call for Student Volunteers. Rev. Cephas F. Clapp of Forest Grove, Ore., who preached on the Day of Prayer for Colleges, spent ten days rooming at the men's dormitory, holding hourly conferences with the young men and women and preaching each evening in First Church.

As a result of these faithful efforts the college has received such a quickening as it has not had for many years, if ever. Leading men in literary or athletic lines have come out boldly for the Master or returned to him; a "Personal Workers" class has been organized, the morning watch for prayer is being widely kept, several classes led by students have been formed for Bible study and a missionary class has been organized, to be taught by Dr. Penrose. The good effect of these meetings has been marked also in the Congregational church.

This week the annual conference of the Y. W.

This week the annual conference of the Y. W. C. A. of the Pacific Northwest meets in Walla Walla as guests of the Whitman College Y. W. C. A.

NEW CHURCH AT WASHTUCNA

church has been organized with twe members at Washtuena, a result of the faithful labors of Rev. J. T. Percival, Sunday school mis-sionary for eastern Washington. This introduces Congregational work into a new and rapidly develg section of the state.

In and Around Chicago

On this topic Dr. Berle made a timely and interesting address before the ministers on He thinks there is a demand for greater fellowship between the churches than there has been, that co-operation in all the interests of the denomination should be emphasized, that having achieved liberty attention should be given to the best way of using it. He pleads also for such a standard of ministerial character as will be recognized throughout the country, and for some arrangement by which members of our churches can be dismissed from one church to another.

Decision against the Seminary

The Supreme Court has decided that the seminary must pay taxes on all property, though given for endowment or for scholar-ships, not actually used by the seminary in its daily work. This will add several th sand dollars a year to its expenses, and al-though the decision is doubtless legal it puts a heavy burden on the shoulders of men who have tried for more than a generation to establish a first-class school of theological learning for our churches in the West. A similar sision has been made against the McCor mick Seminary, although it is understood that under its charter Northwestern University can hold any property it desires without paying taxes upon it. The case has been on In the published report trial several years. of the decision, which was read by Justice Peckham, it was stated that it was given with some hesitation. The decision adds another reason why the friends of the seminary should rally to its support.

A Wise Declination of Office

Mr. Clarence S. Darrow, who has been prominent in presenting the case of the min-

ers in Pennsylvania before the board of arbitration, has refused to be the labor candidate for mayor. He says that the time has not come for labor to have a candidate of its own, that if he were elected mayor under the laws which he would be obliged to obey, he could not accomplish for labor what it desires; that not accomplish for labor was it accurate, when he can be of more service to it by remaining in the legislature, of which he is a member and securing the passage of laws which will improve its condition. The decision was unexpected, but the labor unions accepted it and promptly nominated Mr. D. L. Creice in his place and then proceeded to fill out the ticket with cans of their own. There is unusual interest in the present campaign for mayorship of the city. Mr. Harrison has been in office six years. The condition of the streets, charges years. The condition of the streets, charges against the police, the prevalence of orime and a general feeling that the government of the city is not what it ought to be, or might be, have led many to hope that Mr. Harrison will not be his own successor. Mr. John G. Harlan, a lawyer, is seeking the Republican nomination; so is Mr. Graeme Stewart, a business man. Both men stand high in public

The Federation of Churches and Christian Workers in Chicago asks pastors and churches to arrange for a simultaneous effort to give the gospel to all who are accessible during two weeks preceding Easter, or from March 29 to April 12. The plan is to divide the city into districts, have the churches unite in holding meetings within these districts, in halls, factories and stores as well as in churches, and to secure such speakers through the federation as may be desired.

Chicago, Feb. 28.

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In and Around New York

Port Morris Church To Be Aban

Port Morris Church, never well located, has been given up, and the few members transferred to the North Church, ten blocks away. Port Morris is a local name for a section of the extreme southern end of Bronx Borough, well covered with railroad yards and manufactories. The Congregational effort there was led by Rev. W. T. Stokes, assisted materially by the Church Extension Society. An early act of Mr. Shelton, as secretary of the Home Missionary Society, was to weigh carefully every condition, and to recommend the course named. For the plot \$7,000 was paid and there is a brick basement that cost \$4,000. When a sale can be effected the equity will be put into North Church's new building.

us Training of Young Peer

The Brooklyn Congregational Club had for peakers last week Professor Woodbridge of Columbia University and Rev. Pascal Har rower, chairman of the New York Episcopal Sunday School Commission. The topic was, The Responsibility of the Youth of Our The Responsibility of the Youth of Our Nation. Professor Woodbridge criticized churches by saying that many of them are undertaking work that should be done by other institutions. He said that there was some danger of making the school a bore by following too closely the lines of the week day public school. Mr. Harrower spoke enthusiastically of the Chicago religious education. tion convention.

The local board of the heights district of Brooklyn is considering the proposed Beesher Memorial Park. Dr. Hillis favors the block bounded by Orange, Cranberry and Hieks Streets, saying that a memorial to Mr. Beecher should be on the ground where his work had

en done, rather than a strip of land along the heights as was advocated by some. Others advocate the latter plan.

Manhattan Church observes the Lenten season with a series of Wednesday evening Bible readings on Salvation, with special Sunday morning addresses upon vital religious questions, and with a series of union after-noon meetings on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, in which the pastors and people of e Rutgers Presbyterian and West End Collegiate Reformed Churches co-operate. Last Scenes in the Life of Christ, The Parables of the Kingdom, and Studies in Christian Service are the general topics.

The Veteran Salvation Army Comm

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General William Booth of the Salvation
Army salled for England Feb. 27, after a monster farewell meeting in the Metropolitan
Opera House Tuesday evening. Senator
Hanna of Ohio presided. After the meeting
there was a "midnight" procession of the
Salvation Army from the Opera House to the
headquarters on Fourteenth Street. General
Booth spoke at three meetings in the old Academy of Music on Sunday. Friday, Saturday,
Monday and Tuesday were filled by conferences with American officers of the army, of
which there was present a large representawhich there was present a large representa-tion from principal centers of the United

To Raise the Debt

Presbyterians are trying to pay off the debt on their building before the meeting of the General Assembly in May and an appeal has been sent to the churches throughout the coun-try for aid. While something over \$222,000 must be raised, the sum is a small one when

contrasted with the total cost of building and contrasted with the total east of building and property, approximating \$1,777,000. It is stated that no missionary contributions have been used for payments on the building, al-though the Foreign and Home Mission Boards upy each an entire floor for offices. It is fortunate, perhaps, that the Fifth Avenue section in which the building stands has come to be popular from a business standpoint, for all available space is rented and the building, with the debt removed, will pay good interest

e "Brief Statement" Again

The Presbytery of New York by tabling several resolutions at its meeting last week, practically refused to take any action regarding the brief statement of the reform adopted by the last General Assembly. The brief statement does not need the indorseent of the presbyteries, as its use is optional with the churches, but a resolution was intro duced in presbytery by Dr. Brown of Union Seminary several months ago commending the statement and recommending it to the churches. Another resolution was offered by Dr. Booth of Rutgers Church, one of the conservative leaders, to the effect that as discussive statements. sion of the statement might cause dissension. and as adoption or commendation was unessary anyway, no action be taken se resolutions were made special orders for last week's meeting, but after another commendatory resolution had been offered and lost, the whole matter was tabled and the incident closed

New York, Feb 28.

Diamond Jubilee at Barre, Mass.

The church in Barre observed its seventy-fifth anniversary and rededicated its house of worship Feb. 18. In the afternoon, Rev. J. W. Norris, the pastor, offered the anniversary and dedicatory prayer, and Rev. J. F. Gaylord, pastor 1879-1900, aketched the history of the church. Rev. Edwin Smith, pastor 1868-79, gave an address on The Church in the Community and was followed by members of the church with reminiscences. The evening addresses church with reminiscences. The evening addresses were by Rev. J. Howard Gaylord of West Brookfield on The Church of Today, and Dr. F. L. Goodspeed of Springfield on The Ideal Church. At the banquet happy remonses were needed. banquet happy responses were made by neighbor-ing clergymen, including the Methodist and Uni-tarian. Notwithstanding extreme cold and bad traveling, the services were well attended. The church was organized, Aug. 15, 1827, with

The church was organized, Aug. 10, 1027, Will thirty two members, twenty-five of whom came from First Church which, with its pastor, had adopted the Unitarian faith. The new organization was richly blessed with revivals from the beginning, and grew rapidly. In 1836 it received seventy-two members, and for many years was very was a received.

seventy-two members, and for many years was very prosperous.

In 1898 a great freshet swept away a large part of the manufactories of the town and the church has since had much to contend against. In general however, its interests have been well maintained and it still has important elements of strength.

It has had eleven installed pastors and two others engaged by the year. Contrary to the usual tendency in our churches, the later settled past rates have been the longest, the two last having covered a period of nearly thirty-two years.

Of its deacons one served forty-five years, and another, still living and in office, has served nearly forty. The anniversary observance was delayed for the completion of repairs. The church edifice, built in 1848, has been refrescoed, the chapel frescoed, and both have been thoroughly repaired. In the former seven memorial windows have been placed. The church was aided in its improvements by the generous offer of a former resident, Mr. Waiter Whitcomb of New Haven, whose mother was a member of this church, to duplicate any sum which it might raise for the purpose.

J. F. G.

Home Missionary Fund

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College Girls of the Orient

By Hester D. Jenkins

O, East is East and West is West, and never the twain shall meet.

Till earth and sky stand presently at God's great judgment seat;

But there is neither East nor West, border nor bread nor high.

breed nor birth. When two strong men stand face to face, though they come from the ends of the earth.

No Occidental who lives in the Orient can be unaware of the deep differences of temperament and ideals which separate the East from the West and render a mutual comprehension an impossibility; but that a common ground of interest and a starting point for work may be found, if not in strong manhood, as Kipling says, then in strong womanhood—a common ground on which young women of differing races, religions and nationalities may stand and clasp hands-is proved in the American College for Girls at Constantineple.

The students of this college and its preparatory school represent fifteen nationalities, as unlike as Persian, English and Greek, and at least seven modern languages may be heard on the campus their playtime in a balcony.

and in the corridors. Three great religions, Judaism, Islamism and Christianity, and of the last named the Eastern, Latin, Anglican and Protestant branches, are represented among the students. Socially, the girls are as diverse as they are religiously and politically, belong-ing to all ranks of society, from the peasant class to official and diplomatic families. To create an environment in which all these seemingly discord-

ant elements may blend harmoniously has been the effort of years, and it has been

crowned with success.

There is in the college absolutely no

distinction of race, religion, or social and financial standing. Intimate friendships exist between Bulgarian and English, between Hungarian and Armenian, between Greek and Russian. That this harmony is no small attainment may be realized by a comparison with other foreign schools in the East, especially with the primary schools, where the expression of race feeling is naturally most marked. In one primary school in Constantinople the Greek and Armenian children refuse to play together, although the playground is so small



that they are obliged to touch one another in their games, while the few Turks will not even enter the garden, but spend



Although the students come to the col- fishermen, and that of the birds known as lege from neighboring countries, such as Bulgaria, Greece and Crete, and even occasionally from more distant lands, the

in which the college is situated, has great natural beauty. It crowns the loftily swelling shore of the Bosporus, and commands a marvelous view of sea and strait, of fields and distant peaks and of the minareted pile of the magic city op-posite. But picturesque Scutari is dirty and disorderly in the extreme. No two streets run in the same direction nor in a straight line; the tumble-down houses turn slightly away from the line of the street; the balcony of one house has a different height, a different angle and a different shape from the balcony of the next, although their walls touch. The stone roads are dangerous to life and limb, sidewalks there are none, and in the rainy season a torrent rushes down the middle of the main road. Scutari has been

great number of girls belong to the cosmopolitan city of Constantinople, living either in Oriental Stamboul or European Pera, or in one of the villages which,

like the tail of a comet, draw out the vast city for miles along the shores of the

Bosporus. The Asiatic town of Scutari,

a center for romantic tales from the days when it was the Golden City, Chrysopolis, down through centuries of Ottoman rule. Legends haunt each hill and knoll-legends of Hebrew patriarch, of crusader and of Turkish conqueror, with many a quaint superstition, as that of the god of the fishes, whose bones on the walls of Seraglio Point still bring luck to the

"lost souls" because they never seem to alight.

As students, the girls are noticeable

for three traits: strong memories, weak reasoning powers and keen appreciation of beauty, either in literature, in art or in scientific thought. Their taste in the arrangement of flowers or the decoration of a room is exquisite; they are touched by the reading of a fine poem; they are ecstatic when taken to see Santa Sophia; they are thrilled when the study of astronomy reveals to them the immensity of the solar system and yet its minuteness in relation to the vast distances which separate the stars. But when



called upon to think out a mathematical or a scientific problem, they are taken aback, and frequently answer to a question demanding reasoning, "I never learned that." Memorizing is so easy for them that they greatly prefer it to arduous thought. Nevertheless by the time they reach the Senior Class they show very fair reasoning power in their study of philosophy.

They are not averse to having their emotions touched, hence it is tender or sentimental literature which appeals to many of them most strongly. In composition this preponderance of sentiment is quite noticeable. Springing flowers, and singing birds, and the moonlight on the water, and the writer "meditating profoundly" on the past, appear rather more often than they do in American school essays. In their themes they "shout for joy," or "sink into helpless despair," with an ease which turns an took place: "Rip was a ragged little one ancient tongue, so that when she Anglo-Saxon dizzy; fortunately, however, they possess more self-control than their compositions would lead one to ex-

The students in the older classes use very fair English, but the new students occasionally make amusing mistakes. The following is a bit from a composition on Solitude: "It is not well for man to live with books alone. He needs a friend. bones and meat, with whom he may partake his sorrows." A fault of the preparatory students is that of looking up a word in the dictionary and taking the first meaning which presents itself, re-

This sentence was given to be paraphrased, "Rip was a ragged little urchin, begotten in the likeness of his father."



of his father."

hedgehog generated in the resemblance leaves college she is at ease in three or more languages. I once observed a Hun-Notwithstanding their imperfect use garian girl turn from one language to

another almost unconsciously, speaking six in an hour. English or French is spoken in classroom and at table, but on the campus full liberty of tongue is given, and what a Babel is the result! The soft sounds of Turkish, the harsh gutturals of Armenian, Greek with its clatter of t's and k's softened by the frequent lisping f's and th's, the wellmodulated, somewhat mouthed English of England, nasal, delicate French, strong Bul-

The following surprising transformation English and in French, and in at least The entire discipline of the college is in

the students' own hands. The severest punishment which they inflict upon one of their members is to "send her to Coventry," that is, to put up a notice that no one is to speak to her for two days. A student who had suffered that deprivation said that it was maddening. She was not a great talker usually, but it seemed to her that she must talk then. When one long dreadful day drew to its close, she was so depressed and submissive that she was excused from the second day's silence. The system works so well that the faculty need take no responsibility for the order of the college. The high sense of honor and responsibility which develops in these girls after they have been here for some time is exemplified in the persons of the president and executive committee of the association and the proctors of the dormitories.

Although there is no industrial department connected with the



gardless of its fitness in the sentence. of English, the students compel our garian and German mingle with the merry admiration by their linguistic attain- girl laugh which belongs to all languages. ments. Each of them receives a long, The system of self-government in use hard training in her own language, in at Bryn Mawr has been adopted here.



DD Alumna living in Constantinople

college, and the students have no manual has given not only a modern Greek com-interesting to see how these girls, accus-labor beyond that of making their beds and edy, but also four of the classic Greek tomed for the most part to services keeping their closets in order, yet they are not unfitted by their "higher education" for domestic life, as the long list of happy marriages among graduates demonstrates. The Alumnæ Society has an "annex" of enthusiastic husbands who bless the work of the college, and of babies who are promised to us as future students. Our girls, with their training in neatness, order and business habits, as well as in thinking and reading, and with their high ideals and characters, are much sought after in marriage by the rising men of these countries, who are learning through them that a wife may be a helpmate, rather than a languorous, aimless child-wife. Thus the influence of education spreads and deepens, preparing women to be a force in the Balkan Penin-

The girls never appear to better advan-tage than when taking charge of an entertainment. They possess every talent which is required to carry such a thing through to a successful conclusion. In previous years ambitious plays have been presented by the students under the charge of the teachers. One year the French department gave Molière's comedy, L'Avare, and the Greek department tragedies.

Early in the history of the college the desire of young people for secret socie-ties expressed itself in the organization of two fraternities, the P. U. and the Theta Alpha. The members of these societies are chosen according to the usual fashion of fraternities, and a girl's nationality does not determine which society she is invited to join. As it is in the societies, so it is in all the social life of the college. German, French, Greek, Turk, Arab and American enter into the same pleasures and thoroughly enjoy each other's companionship. Here personal attraction, respect and congeniality form the only basis for friendship, and such externalities as political faith, or ecclesiastical organization, or ancestral pride or social standing, form no barrier to happy comradeship and essential harmony.

In religious matters, as well as in intellectual and social, there is harmony. The Protestant services of the college are regularly attended by all the students, who are required to be present at Bible classes, daily chapel services and Sunday services, and who zealously keep up the Saturday and Monday prayer they brought thence, and as teachers meetings, which are voluntary. It is nurses or wives carry light with them.

conducted in an ancient language which they cannot understand, fit themselves into that Western religious expression, the prayer meeting. The Sunday evening meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association is largely attended and well conducted. Led, as it generally is, by one of the girls, it proceeds naturally and devotionally, girl after girl giving a selected verse or praying earnestly. English is the ordinary language of these meetings, but occasionally a student's religious fervor is greater than her knowledge of that language, and a flood of soft Turkish or guttural Armenian is poured forth to his praise who knows all peoples.

In receiving personal religious instruction and moral training from the teachers, the girls are much more docile than is the average Western girl. Just as they accept our Western forms of wership at the college, so they show themselves ready to adopt deeper and more spiritual ideals of Christianity from America. Going back to their homes in Bulgaria, Greece or Turkey, they take with them a truer idea of religion than they brought thence, and as teachers or

A Missionary Workshop and Its Chief Workman

The Quiet, Far-Reaching Work of Rev. James S. Dennis, D. D., in His New York Home

BY HOWARD A. BRIDGMAN

Some men serve the enterprise of foreign missions by personal labor in far-off lands. Some stay at home and draw frequent and generous checks, Some weave themselves into the life of great institutions, colleges, hospitals, printing plants. Still others delve into the sources of information about the odern missionary movement, from all parts of the earth a multitude of well verified facts, marshaling them in kindred battalions and sending them out in a form eds the minds and nerves the arm of Christian folk the world over. Comparatively few men are devoting themselves to this special line of activity, but their work is fully as important as that of those who go to non-Christian nations as heralds and teachers, or as that of the army of consecrated men and women who furnish the sinews of war. The ery today is for the right kind of misrature. It comes from all over the foreign field both from great representative Christian mblies like that at Madras, India,

recently, and from many a solitary worker on the firing line as well. The cry reechoes here at home. "Give us," the Church demands, "fresh, authoritative, attractive missionary news."

Such a demand dignifies the labor of those who gather and disseminate misry information. Among them all no one has made such substantial and voluminous contributions to the literature of modern missions as has Rev. James S. Dennis, D. D., of New York. Go into a Dennia, D. D., of New York. Go and live missionary meeting in northern Maine or western Kansas and the chances are you will hear a reference to his master plece, Christian Missions and Social Prog ress, or to his Centennial Survey, or to his Foreign Missions after a Century. estor can consider himself posses pastor can consider himself possessed or the best equipment for giving missionary talks who has not easy access to one or more of these volumes, and if he will study them industriously and systematically he will never lack for fuel for his missionary missionaries of all denominations the world

To one, then, who senses the meaning of the modern missionary movement, the work-shop where such volumes as these of Dr. Dennis are produced is as interesting as Edison's laboratory is to an electrician. You cannot be long in Dr. Dennis's charming h on Thirty-seventh street, New York city, with-out realizing both through the conversation ants and the use to which some of the largest rooms are put, that this four-story brick dwelling which looks so much like its neighbors, is really one of the nerve centers of the Christian world today. To it come pouring in by almost every mail tidings from the antipodes and all the lands between. Out from it, straight as arrows to their m go constantly requests and inquiries to the uttermost parts of the earth. Dr. Dennis, perhaps more than any other man in England and America, is in direct touch with



Dr. Dennis in his study

Practically the whole of the third floor is given up to the workshop. In the large front room, as our picture shows, sits Dr. at his desk as regularly each day as if he put on his hat and went to a down-town office. Joining this room is a smaller one where over one hundred missionary publications, English, American, German, as well as those published on missionary soil, are kept on file, with numerous other periodicals and reviews of a less specialized scope. In the larger room in the rear more of the detail work is done. Here the fifty or more scrap books are found, each containing carefully classified matter, and all related to a minute and compresive system of indexing. The necess apparatus for doing the work each day, type writers, card catalogues and the like, and the many bound volumes of missionary periodicals, together with well-filled bookshelves con-

taining collateral Christian literature, cupy much of the available space of these two large rooms. But there is no evidence of crowding or of disorder anywhere. There is still a fourth room, up one flight, where some of the overflow of surcharg files is kept, with the accumulated débris of past years of research.

Dr. Dennis's method of gathering and digesting his information, devised by him-self, shows the mind of a clear thinker and a systematic worker. Its foundation stone is a complete analysis of his material. He looks upon his scrap books and pigeon holes as "bins" into which the separate particles find their way. When ther are full, or measurably full, he is in po-sition to write. Such chapters, for instance in his Christian Missions and Social Progress, as those dealing with the Elevation of Woman, the Suppression of the Slave Trade and the Introduction of Modern Medical Science, could be put together with comparative case when he had once

filed up the special "bins" devoted to these themes.

Yet Dr. Dennis has been wise enough all e years to utilize effectively clerical help. of the time three young women have been kept busy, not only at stenographic tasks, but they have been real collab with him in preparing his books. He has taught them how to read the missionary maga zines, how to digest personal letters from mis sionaries and to compress into available form the ideas that bear upon the subject which he is handling. So two or three other acquisitive minds and half a dozen sharp eyes are multiplying his power week by wee their combined vigilance prevents the escape of facts and illustrations which are stored up for future uses. We doubt if there is a li-brary in the world or the office of any misry society where the current sources of missionary information receive such careful scrutiny as in Dr. Dennis's workshop.

How came this quiet, courteous gentleman to devote himself to this special calling? His career illustrates the old truth that wh man is needed for a particular task he is often unconsciously being trained for it long t fore he takes it up. Dr. Dennis was born in Newark, N. J., a little over sixty years ago, graduated at Princeton in 1863 and at the theological seminary there in 1867, was ordained by the Presbytery of Newark, N. J., In 1868, and soon after sailed for Beyrout under the appointment of the American Board just before its formal connection with the Presbyterian churches was severed. After a few years of general work he was impressed into service in connection with the theolog-ical seminary of the Syria Mission and for the loghten years ending in 1891 he gave all his eighten years ending in 1891 he gave all his time to teaching, and the preparation of text-books in theology and other branches of semi-nary study. His literary work in Arabic is in itself a witness to his careful and extensive scholarship. It includes text-books for theological instruction in the evidences of realed religion, the science of Scripture interpretation and systematic theology. These books are in use by theological students in Syria, Palestine, Egypt, Asia Minor and Mesopotamia.

e death of his fatherwell known in railway circles as president of the United New Jersey Railroad and Canal Co., and promiidentified with several large fir institutions-recalled Dr. Dennis to this conntry, but, as he then thought and hope for a permanent stay here. However, family obligations and responsibilities assumed such importance that against his inclination, he yielded to what seemed to be his duty and settled down in this country, cherishing for some time the vague hope that he might return to his loved work in Syria. But his missionary impulses were too strong to languish or to be kept in abeyance. Princeton soon ed him for a course of lectures which fruited into the volume, Foreign Missions after a Century. Another invitation from the source resulted in Christian Mission and Social Progress, and thus little by little he was led into the field of authorship. He was fortunately so situated that he was able to give both time and means to the task of issuing what are practically missions clopedia. Though his volume Foreign Missions after a Century has passed through eight editions and though four editions of the first volume of Christian Missions and Social d an equal number of the se have already been called for, they are not the type of books which yield large financial returns to their makers. The cost of preparin these volumes, which has been borne person ally by the author, is great. For instance, al The cost of preparing the statistical tables in the volume Centennial Survey had to be set up by hand by the De e Press and Dr. Dennis sent no less than three hundred proofs to officials of mission boards and societies and to missionaries on the field in order to get their verification of his fig-ures. The third volume of Christian Missions

and Social Progress is now in hand, but considerable time will be required to complete it.

But if appreciation and gratifude are the chief returns for the labor in which Dr. Dennis has been engaged for the last ten years and on which he has expended many thousands of dollars, he is satisfied with such coin. He lives an even, busy, happy life, responding readily, so far as his engrossing duties permit, to calls for information and advice from numerous correspondents who are interested in missions. The tax thus imposed upon his time and generosity is by no means slight. His beautiful home is the natural resort for missionary friends, and many a wearled worker on furlough finds cheer and comfort there. As we sat at dinner the other evening and heard Miss Ellen C. Parsons of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions tell of her recent trip around the world it seemed to me that the aimless chatter of the ordinary New York dinner table was worthless indeed in comparison with talk that moves habitually on such high levels.

During the summer season, which for the past two years has been spent at Dark Harbor, Me., Dr. Dennis carries on his labors methodically in a quiet log cabin by the sea. He gets his reward as he goes along in the joy of occupying a watchtower whence he surveys the coming of the kingdom the world over, and when by and by his autumn shall come and his life work shall be rounded out to its finish, he and those who love him best may justly take genuine satisfaction in his unique and splendid contribution to the Christian thought and action of his times.

Andover's New Professor

The trustees of Andover Seminary, as announced three weeks ago, have appointed William R. Arnold, Ph. D., of New York, to the Hitchcock professorship of the Hebrew



language and literature, and the Visitors have approved the appointment. This fills the vacancy caused by the resignation of Prof. George F. Moore, who for nineteen years rendered distinguished service to the seminary in this department. Dr. Arnold is a Congregationalist, but up to this time has not been well known in New England. He was born in the Orient, came to this country in boyhood, received his college education at Ohio Wesleyan University, studied theology at Union Seminary, and took his doctor's degree in Semitic languages at Columbia University in 1896. For two years he was curator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Since resigning that position, he has spent his time in private study, in this country and in Europe, devoting special attention to the minor prophets, and has published part of the results in the Zeitschrift für alttestamentliche Wissenschaft. He is also a contributor to the new Jewish Encyclopædia, now in process of publication.

In appointing a young man, the trustees have followed almost unbroken precedent in the Old Testament department. Moses Stuart was thirty years old when he became pro-

fessor of sacred literature. Dr. Bela Rdwards was made professor at thirty-five. Edward Robinson became instructor at twenty-nine, Dr. Mead was thirty when appointed, and Professor Moore was thirty-two. Dr. Arnold takes his place in this honorable succession in the full vigor of early manhood, with an excellent linguistic equipment and a fine enthusiasm for his work, and confident that Old Testament studies possess enduring value for ministerial training. The lectures upon Biblical Introduction, which he has already delivered at Andover, augur well for his success as a professor in this historic institution.

Our Readers' Forum

"What the Laymen Really Want"

I have read with interest the suggestion of Mr. Fearing as to what laymen really want, and the suggested program of a series of sermons for special meetings. Doubtless there are a few intelligent laymen in almost every congregation who would be greatly profited by such a series if wisely prepared and delivered. But there are also many elderly people, and some younger ones, who have old-fashioned ideas about the Bible, and who know little or nothing about the discussions that have led to changed and improved views about it. These are often among the most devoted and spiritual church members.

The latest ascertained facts of Biblical investigation, that are well known and generally accepted among scholarly ministers and well informed laymen—such as Mr. Fearing suggests—would be a terrible surprise, and a fearful stumbling-block to many of these uninformed saints.

The writer once tried such an experiment in a Congregational church of large membership and average intelligence. The result was, a very few well-informed and thoughtful people were greatly helped, but a considerable number of the older people, church officers and Christian workers, were so stumbled and hindered that he has always been in doubt whether more good, or harm, was done by those sermons. In the meantime he drew about his own head such a storm of criticism and indignation as he never had before, nor has had since.

The pastor who tries this experiment will come out of it with some experience that will be valuable to him in his next parish, but it might not be a bad thing for him to have some idea where his next parish is going to be, before he begins it.

S. W. M.

We Think It Is the Exception

One Congregational minister last Sunday prayed for the priests and rectors of his community. And the people said Amen.—Congregationalist, Jan. 24.

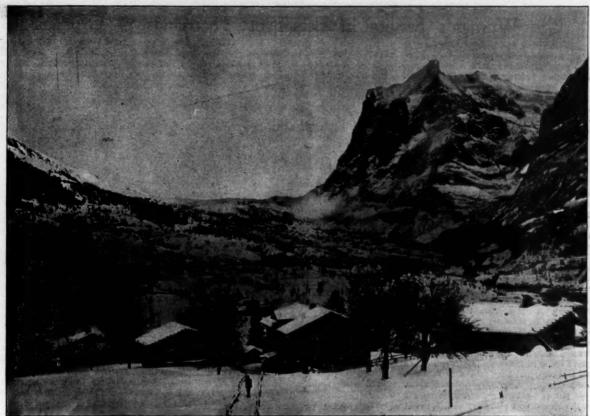
Was this recorded because it is the exception for the Congregational minister to pray for his brethren in the ministry of other denominations? It may or may not interest you to know, that during my ten years, ministry I think it would be difficult to name many occasions when I have failed to pray, not only for my brethren in the ministry, but for the churches of every sect or creed, during the pastoral prayer at the morning service. Until I read the above paragraph it had never occurred to me that this was anything out of the ordinary.

Newburyport.

M. O. P.

What Parents May Expect

I have watched the Deland agitation on Obedience with interest. If she "wins ont" we shall need a new revised version with the reading, "If ye agree with me ye will keep my commandments." w. z. s.



Midwinter Holidays in an Alpine Valley

With a Model Switzer Village Pastor for the Human Background

BY REV. EDWARD D. EATON, D. D., PRESIDENT BELOIT COLLEGE

tourists, but still more delightful in the snowy robes of winter.

As the tilted little locomotive draws its train of miniature cars from Interlaken across the white plain and up into the gorge of the Lütschine, which foams down along its icy bed to meet us, the mountains close about the train in forms of increasing grandeur, darkwooded, with frozen cataracts shining upon their sides, until the end of the railway is reached at Grindelwald. Here is a beautiful and fertile valley, 3,000 feet above the sea, with innumerable Swiss chalets climbing adventurously in all directions upon the slopes of the mountains, overshadowed by massive peaks.

About the first thing to strike one is the universal use of hand sleds-"toboggans" the English call them. Postmen, tradespeople, the village doctor and clergyman, as well as the school children, all are coasting. Men and women of years and dignity of bearing post down hill and climb up again with as much assiduity and concentration of attention as ever they devoted to business or social obligations. Even the woodchoppers come tearing down the mountain sides on larger sleds, to which are attached the giant spruces they have felled, which plow their way down to the sawmill. So the farmers coast from mountain pastures with loads of sweet hay stored on the

Switzerland is the paradise of summer snowstorm pours down its white deluge destroyed nearly the entire village. The dozens of men are at once put upon the ice to shovel it free again, and a few are kept busy throughout the whole of every night flooding the surface while it freezes, so that each morning it may be smooth to the skater's steel.

Another fascinating diversion for the more adventurous is the use of skis, or Norwegian snowshoes, and one of the festivities of the winter was a ski-tournament on the snowy slopes a little distance above the village. The contestants one by one came sliding swiftly down until they reached an artificial parapet, over which they shot into mid-air, some of them alighting upon their feet amid the applause of the spectators, others landing upon their backs in a tangle of legs, arms and snowshoes.

The real center of the valley is the village church, with adjoining parsonage and schoolhouse. Close about the church cluster graves where the mountaineers rest in their long sleep, shadowed by the mighty hills in the crevasses of which some of them met their death. The pastor is the mainspring of the best activities of the community, head of the school board, examiner of the mountain guides in the various branches of study which are prescribed for them, and local representative of the Red Cross Society. · His influence helped to secure the building of the railway connecting the valley with

pastor went to Bern, studied the waterworks and on his return secured the adoption of a system in Grindelwald.

It is a profitable experience to belong for a time to the congregation of such a pastor; to sit in the quaint church, where the men in brown homespun all sit upon one side, and on the other the women, also in brown, bareheaded or with black lace caps, and all wearing aprons; to join in the chorals, led by the pastor's voice and droning organ; to listen to the gospel, none the less searching and uplifting because uttered in a foreign tongue.

Among the many vivid pictures of our winter in Grindelwald let me barely suggest a few: A funeral procession winding slowly for miles among the hills, the coffin borne on the shoulders of men; behind it, walking two and two, the relatives and friends, the men first, then the women, mortality and grief seeming the more impressive when set in the calm of the eternal hills; the avalanches on sunny days, looking like white veils flung down the mountain declivities, but sending their echoing thunder from side to side of the valley. Above them could be picked out with a glass the forms of the chamois finding their scanty pasturage

high up amid the rocks and snow. At sunset the wonderful rosy glow upon the peaks, vivid and tender as the memory of A rival occupation is that of skating, several ponds being kept in order for the use of the valley's guests. When the

One Woman's Service in Behalf of Thousands of Orphans

By Ruth A. Benedict

The phrase "secretary's office" generally suggests business blocks, elevators, office boys and more or less of red tape and other paraphernalls of commerce. Therefore, as I walked up King Street, Worcester, between rows of pleasant homes, a vague suspicion of having missed my way stole over me, and when I stood on the plazza of a small home-like house, I actually had half a mind to turn back. But I referred to my note-book and found that sure enough this was the place where the National Armenia and India Re-lief Committee was doing its work of love for the orphan boys and girls of India and Turkey, so I rang the bell. Yes, Miss Wheeler was at home and soon appeared—an alert, energetic woman, whose very presence was sufficient guarantee that her work, no matter where it might be located, would be conducted on up-to-date business principles.

"You see," said she, "in the face of such great needs, I didn't feel justified in hiring a down-town office; so, when I came into the work, I brought its management right into my own home." So far the experiment has been a success and the expenses of conducting the work have fallen off wonderfully. Every inch of space in the house is utilized. "We used to have a coal bin," said Miss Wheeler, "but we simply couldn't give so much room, so we put in a gas range." A little later I saw the former coal bin, filled with boxes of envelopes; as well adapted to that purpose as if such had been its original design. It is the e way all over the house. A pair of scales on a big table in a corner of the kitchen shows where the mailing force works when the quarterly numbers of The Helping Hand are issued. Miss Wheeler's own bedroom also serves as private office. Here one stenographer is constantly at work, while another works upstairs and a third comes in a part of each day. Others are busy addressing envelopes and wrapping up Helping Hands when needed. Letter files, eard lists of the donors and of the orphans supported at these schools, reports, reference books, with other appointments of an ordinary business office, are also in evidence here.

This work was started by the National Armenian Relief Committee at the time of the terrible massacre in 1895, with the object of helping all the surviving sufferers from that sad tragedy, many of whom were for a time reduced to utter poverty. But as it was found that over 40,000 orphans had been left homeless by this cruel slaughter, the work was con- admitted to the orphanages through gifts raised





MISS WHEELER

the orphans are still only half grown and cannot be turned out of their school homes to wander round the streets again. At the pres-ent time over 1,700 children in India who were

tinued in hopes of helping some of these. So by newspapers and individuals at the time of although the particular occasion for the appointment of this committee has gone by, its some places the famine funds are wholly exclaims are none the less urgent, for most of hausted, and in others the children must be sent away from the schools much too young.

In February, 1902, the committee was asked to take up the work among the orphanage India, so it now works in both fields. Miss Emily C. Wheeler, who has been secretary of the organization since 1899, is particularly well fitted for the position, having served six-teen years as missionary in Harpoot, Turkey, where her father and mother before her wer stationed.

Although this work is carried on along original and somewhat unconventional lines it has a firm business foundation, as is evidenced by the name of the treasurers, Brown Brothers & Co. of New York. Judge Brewer is president of the executive committee, Spencer Trask, chairman, and many other well-known business men testify to the thoroughly liable and practicable methods of the committee. Dr. James L. Barton of the American Board is specially enthusiastic in his commendation of its business policy. in his commendation of its business policy. The receipts for the fiscal year of 1902 were, in round figures, \$28,000. This amount was made up largely from the annual pledges given by societies, churches and individuals. The remainder is made up of subscriptions or contributions secured by Miss Wheeler's representation of the cause. Miss Wheeler has but recently returned from a five weeks' trip through northern New England and Canada, and has been invited to go to Ottawa, Col-orado and California next March.

When at home Miss Wheeler is too busy to speak much, but she often gives her Sundays and week night evenings to this part of her work. Each contributor receives a personal letter from her, besides the formal acknowledgment from her, besides the formal acknowledgment from Brown Brothers, while the missionaries themselves write to all who support a special orphan and send a photograph of the child. The Eastern states contribute most largely to the fund, though gifts are sent from all the states and some mission lands.

A morning's mail may contain a contribu-A morning's mail may contain a contribu-tion of five cents or \$1,500. One gentleman is supporting one hundred orphans in Turkey, so sends \$2,500 a year, paying it in quarterly installments. Some of the orphans in India, on certain days go without their rice for dinner that they may send the money saved to the children in Armenia, and the Armenian orphans in turn contribute to the work in India.



rphan shoemakers at Harpoot

As the money received for the work comes from all over the world and from every de-nomination, the committee has thought it wisest not to limit its work by establishing orphanages or assuming the exclusive control of any, preferring to give through the various agencies already established. In distributing the funds, preference is give which are willing to give full reports of the children, and to press elementary industrial training. There are fourteen stations in Tur-

key and twelve in India, as well as many sub-

stations, aided by this agency.

The schools which this committee helps aim to reproduce, so far as possible, the influence of a Christian home. All children are given systematic industrial education, through the use of "finger work," which beginning with the simplest kind of clay modeling or sewing, finally leads the pupil up to most useful and artistic handiwork of every sort. Our illustrations show the more advanced forms of

finger work, in the shoe making and weaving. The girls are reeling and weaving the cloth while the little one in the corner is playing with a cradle which is also the work of the pupils. Native customs and costumes are not interfered with unnecessarily, so that when the pupil leaves the school he returns to his people, not as an alien, but as one of them-selves, to show them, more effectively than the foreigner can, their industrial and spiritual

A Church Built for and by the People

Within twelve months of the burning of its edifice—Jan. 31, 1901—the People's Church of St. Paul was housed in its completed building St. Paul was housed in its completed building
—a structure departing in many ways from
the ordinary house of worship. The burned
building had become in its dozen years increasingly a center for the higher class of entertainments; indeed, for concerts and lectures no other building in the city was
thought of. This public service of the building has brought into the church service and
work a cosmopolitan company of worshipers
and as gather, nerhaps, in no other church of such as gather, perhaps, in no other church of our order. For People's Church has been fully affiliated with our communion for many years. This peculiar service of the entire community finds full expression in the new building-I say new, for only the walls of the old structure survived the fire.

The exterior speaks foremost of sturdy use.

Little has been expended on the graces of church architecture. Yet with its massiveness, its notable height and goodly proportions, the square structure has a nobility which commands attention.

Entering through the spacious vestibule one comes first to the Sunday school room, built to hold about 500 people. On this floor are, also, an ample prayer meeting room, two committee-rooms, a large dining-room with kitchen ad-joining, a ladles' parlor, library-room and obeck room

Broad stairways on either hand lead to the main auditorium, constructed after modern methods, but unusual in its extremely deep galleries. Numbered opera chairs give 850 seats downstairs and 950 in the galleries, 1,800 in all. The carpet is of deep red velvet, the



Mural Painting in People's Church, St. Paul (Religious Leaders Panel)



Love Panel in People's Church

furnishings of dark oak, uphoistered in leather. The ceiling is in oak panels. The ample platform enlarges into a stage on occasion by movable sections resting on horses. The organ and choir-loft directly behind the pulpit are built with concert use in view.

The decorations are indeed notable.

The decorations are indeed notable. A noble arch lifts itself above pulpit and choir, and the space on either side is utilized for large symbolical paintings, representing adoration and worship, in which angel and cherub forms below melt into a distance and glory above. To the left is a panel with heroic figures of religious leaders, with Phillips Brooks in advance—with the motto above, "The truth shall make you free." The left panel, with the motto, "The greatest of these is love," is a symbolical figure piece.

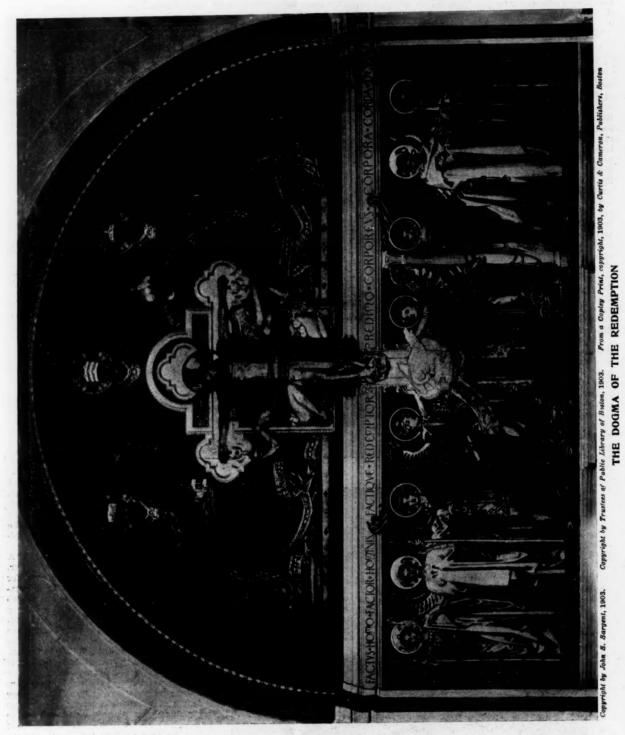
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These noteworthy paintings in freseo are the work of Carl Guther of Washington. They fit in with the scheme of decoration represent-ing on the east wall the divine and on the west, the human. To this end, the windows of high-art glass work on the east bear above the names of the twelve prophets, and below the names of the apostles, while the Apostle's Creed, finely illuminated, is distributed over the twelve windows below that gallery. The large central window, given in part by the Minnesota Congregational Club, represents below Christ and the woman at the well; above, the women at the tomb and the ascend-

On the west the twenty-four windows are

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Sargent's Redemption

The New Mural Decoration in the Boston Public Library

By ESTRILE M. HURLL

Nothing has happened in Boston for a long time which has so demonstrated the moral and religious earnestness of our American people as has the uncovering of Sargent's painting of The Redemption in the Public Library. Day after day, and all day long, the hall is thronged with men, women and children gazing at the great picture. They speak to one another in subdued voices, and come and go in silence. They carry an air of awe, as in the presence of a solemn mystery.

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That this is a superb decoration does not at all account for the remarkable interest it has aroused. Doubtless its rich, sober color, the strength and simplicity of its lines and the well-balanced symme try of the design, make some sort of an impression upon even the dullest æsthetic consciousness: but with these artistic matters the majority of visitors are not chiefly concerned. They care very little for "art for art's sake," but are intensely interested in a picture with a meaning. And here is a picture with a meaning which appeals to the universal Christian sentiment, and it is for this reason, above all others, that crowds of people are attracted to it. With absorbed attention they turn from the picture to the printed description and back again to the picture, as they strive to decipher the various details of the symbolism. It is as if, like Paul, they were "determined not to know anything save Jesus Christ and him cruci-

The Redemption is a mural decoration at one end of the third floor corridor of the library, facing Sargent's already familiar picture of Ancient Religions, and forming the logical and historical complement that composition. The arched wall is divided as in the companion picture, into a lunette or semicircular portion, and a rectangular section or frieze below, and on a narrow cornice separating these two parts runs the legend which is the key of the picture : Factus Homo Factor Hominis Factique Redemptor ; Redimo Corporeus Corpora Corda Deus [The Maker of man was made man and the Redeemer of his work; as man (incarnate) I redeem the body, as God, I redeem the soul (heart)]. The lunette is occupied by the three enthroned figures of the Trinity, and the frieze consists of a row of angels. In the center and intersecting the two portions is a large crucifix supported by the two central angels of the frieze.

The background of the wall is a dark, lustreless blue; the dominant color of the composition is red, ranging from the dark maroon of the draperies of the Trinity through the rich, dull, middle tones of the angels' robes, to the clear light blood color-the keynote of the chord-in the stole-like mantle of the Redeemer. There are just enough touches of gold, and in just the right places, to brighten the scheme without taking from its sobriety.

By keeping the range of color within these strict limits the artist has achieved the most effective point of his symbolism.

because of historical tradition, but because there is an inherent fitness in their use. Blue, the color of the sky and of the sapphire, is the symbol of truth and eternity; red, the color of fire and of the ruby, is the token of love.

Of course the first thing that arrests attention is, as is intended, the crucifix, on which hangs the figure of the Re-deemer, modeled in high relief, tinted a neutral gray, the head entirely in the round and surmounted by a large metal nimbus. Beneath the feet is the twisted

body of a serpent.

The face is gentle and not over strong in character, recalling the Christ of Fra Angelico. There is no sign of anguish in the expression, nothing to appeal to the spectator's emotion. The figure is clearly intended as a symbol rather than as an idealized portrait. From such a symbol the descendant of the Puritan recoils a little, as savoring too strongly of those practices against which his forefathers protested. Boston has not even yet altogether lost the spirit of the colonial governor who cut the red cross from the flag of England.

Yet assuredly the central fact of the redemption as interpreted throughout all Christendom by every shade of doctrinal opinion is the Crucifixion. We must take this as our starting point and putting ourselves as far as may be in sympathy with the artist's methods follow out the meaning of his work. While his symbolism is drawn almost wholly from the art of the Middle Ages, the emblems all have their basis in the Scriptures. If they are not immediately legible they are perfectly intelligible as soon as pointed out.

To begin at the center, one immediately asks, What are these figures in relief, one on each side of the Saviour, each holding a chalice to catch the drops of blood falling from the nail prints of the hands? They are crouched in a sort of square frame built about the transverse arm of the cross, and they seem to be held in place by a red, scarf-like mantle which binds them to the figure of the crucified. Both are nude but for garlands of leaves, in gilt relief, about the loins, and one has only to notice these "fig leaves" to recognize Adam and Eve. The figure of Adam is somewhat upcouth, as of primeval man, but Eve has the delicately cut face such as all the old artists have given to the mother of the race. Both the type of face and the drapery over the head recall the traditional picture of the Madonna. Why then are Adam and Eve connected

with the redemption? Because "as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." The old miniaturists, taking this text as the basis of their motif, introduced the figure of Adam (but not of Eve) at the foot of the cross. There was a certain church legend which helped out the interpretation of the text to the effect that the cross was erected on the site of Adam's tomb. Hence Adam, obedient to the call, "Awake thou For red and blue are pre-eminently the that sleepest, and arise from the dead, right colors for sacred art, not merely and Christ shall give thee light," comes that sleepest, and arise from the dead,

forth to secure the precious blood of the Redeemer. The introduction of Eve in this connection is a twentieth century innovation upon the mediæval motif.

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Evidently the artist's object is to show Adam and Eve, as representative of the race, partaking of the benefits of the redemption. To make the meaning plainer the Latin inscription above reads, "Missa Sunt Peccata Mundi" (The sins of the world are remitted).

At the lower end of the cross is a gilt relief representing a pelican feeding her young with the blood of her own breast. This supposed habit of the pelican is an old symbol of the redemption and appears in many representations of the Crucifixion, but usually, if not always, I think, above rather than below the cross. The most familiar example is in Fra Angelico's great Crucifixion in the chapter house of St. Mark's, Florence, and here the figure is inscribed with the sixth verse of the One Hundred and Second Psalm, "I am like the pelican in the

The angels of the frieze bear the vari ous implements used in the Saviour's Passion. Some of us may remember how, in Michelangelo's Last Judgment, the heavenly host descend from the upper part of the composition bringing these strange trophies of the redemption. Here we easily recognize the sponge and the reed; the three nails; the lance, the hammer and the pincers (these last for removing the nails when the body was taken from the cross); the pillar and cords of the flagellation; the crown of thorns; the ladder. The two central figures are occupied entirely with the cross. There are eight in all, and in this number Mr. Sargent has made a somewhat surprising departure from the traditional standard. The seven angels of the Apocalypse [Rev. 8: 2 and 15: 1], the seven "archangels" of ecclesiastical tradition have so long figured in sacred art that the lover of ancient things resents the intrusion of an eighth! But here is a case where the artist evidently valued the symmetry of his design above traditional symbolism.

One lingers longest, perhaps, upon this part of the decoration, delighting in the calm, stately beauty of the angelic presences, and noting the variety in their drapery. The angels of the cross are most richly dressed, their tunics being ornamented with deep arabesques in gold relief. On one the motif is a sheaf of wheat, on the other a cluster of grapes: the sacramental elements of bread and wine which symbolize the body and blood

of the Redeemer.

The representation of the Trinity in the lunette requires somewhat careful consideration. Three kings occupy side by side a wide throne of Byzantine mosaic. Their faces are sufficiently alike to have been cast in a single mold; bearded, elderly, benign and looking straight before them. Each head is surrounded by the so-called cruciform nimbus, that is, the nimbus in which a

maltese cross is drawn. Each wears a voluminous cope fastened at the neck with a golden clasp (agrafe), and ornamented with a golden border in which at regular intervals the word Sanctus (Holy) is inserted. The folds of the three garments overlap each other in a curious way, which seems to suggest the union of the three in one. Each raises the right hand in benediction with the gesture always scrupulously regarded in ecclesiastical art, and still observed by ritualistic ecclesiastics. The thumb and two first fingers are open, symbolizing the Trinity. The third and little fingers, remaining closed, symbolize the two natures of Christ, the human and the divine.

With all these similarities in the figures the close observer discovers a difference in their crowns. The central figure wears the triple crown or the tiars, which in Christian iconography is the proper attribute of the Father. So, too, is the globe, surmounted by a cross, which the same figure carries in his left hand.

The significance of the other crowns is not so apparent; it is unusual indeed for the Holy Spirit to be represented with any headcovering, while the crown of the Christ is generally the crown of thorns. If the artist has followed accepted standards the figure at the right of the Father is the Son—according to the Psalmist's words, "The Lord said unto my Lord, sit thou at my right hand" (Ps. 90: 1). In this case the book would naturally be interpreted by Christ's office as the incarnate Word.

No thoughtful person can contemplate this representation of the Trinity without vague misgiving. "Is this," he asks himself, "the best expression a modern artist could devise for the setting forth of the great mystery of the triune divinity?" To answer this question I have been conning the pages of the learned Didron, whose Christian Iconography is the authoritative text-book of all students of ecclesiastical art. It is interesting to read of the many symbolic forms the theme has assumed, varying from the simplest geometrical diagrams, such as the triangle and the three interlacing circles, to elaborate anthropomorphic compositions like the one before us. In the first centuries of the faith art appreached the subject with reverent timidity. The early trinity groups consisted of Christ, represented as a lamb or as a cross, the Holy Spirit as a dove and the Eternal Father merely as an outstretched hand or at most by the head and bust of an elderly man. In the later development of this group Christ is represented as hanging on a cross upheld by the Father, in form of an elderly man, the Holy Spirit still as a dove. This was the group which the genius of Albert Dürer many centuries later exalted into the only really great picture of the subject the world contains.

In the meantime the subject had passed through many grotesque not to say monstrous forms, such as figures with three heads, or figures with one head of three faces. The type of representation adopted by Mr. Sargent first appeared in the ninth century, but in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries it was discontinued as too irreverent and materialistic. The Renaissance revived it, and here we have it again in the twentieth century.

The decoration of the lunette cannot be dismissed without mentioning the significance of the seven doves which encircle the throne. These are the seven gifts of the Spirit alluded to in the Apocalypse [chapter 5, verses 6 and 12]: "Power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing," a list which by some forcing of the text has been identified with Isaiah's enumeration of the qualities of the Spirit of the Lord, "wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and fear of the Lord" [Isa. 11: 2]. As these gifts were attributed to the coming Messiah, the symbolic doves belong properly only to the person of Christ, and it is for this reason presumably that each bears in his mouth the cruciform, or cross marked nimbus.

As one takes leave of the great picture it is natural to turn a backward glance towards the contrasting subject of The Ancient Religions. Artistically considered, the superiority of the new decoration is readily granted. Against the polychromatic scale of the one is set the simple rich chords of the other. Against the confused composition of the first lunette is set the simple grandeur of line in the other. Against the attitudinizing of the prophets, the calm repose of But considered as an interthe angels. pretation of faith, does the Christian religion here assert its pre-eminence among the creeds of the ages?

A Church Built for and by the People

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the contribution of many races and organiza-Bohemians—widely represented in St. Paul— bearing the portrait of Huss and above the lifted torch; the Presbyterian window with John Knox; the Unitarian with Emerson; the Episcopal, the Congregational, the German, Swiss, Italian, Roman Catholic and Hebrew windows—each with its traditional trait and contributed by people of these Elsewhere the Irishman, the Frenchan and the Englishman are represe

The gallery windows represented.

The gallery windows represent the circle of knowledge and effort. Here is a window labeled Literature, contributed by school teachers; nearby is one named for Labor and given by the unions; adjoining is Patriotism, given by the G. A. R. The central one

is called the Masonic window—the Crusaders above, the All-seeing Eye and Good Samar-itan below.

ent in People's Church repreents a cost of \$185,000, of which \$90,000 was

The genius of this building and the force and the church is Rev. Samuel G Smith, D D, its founder and only pastor.

Although the finishing was not fully com-plete, the building was opened the first Sun-day of the year, the pastor being assisted by Presiding Elder Rule of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Dr. G. R. Merrill of the Home Missionary Society.

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The Home and Its Outlook

Rest Where You Are

BY CHARLES P. CLEAVES

When, spurred by tasks unceasing or undone, You would seek rest afar, And cannot, though repose be rightly won, Rest where you are.

Neglect the needless; sanctify the rest, Move without stress or jar. With quiet of a spirit self-possessed Rest where you are.

Not in event, restriction, or release, Not in scenes near or far, But in ourselves are restlessness or peace. Rest where you are.

Where lives the soul, lives God. His day, His world,

No phantom mists need mar.

His starred nights are great tents of peace unfurled.

Rest where you are.

Other People's Economies

It is so easy to think our own standards right and those of our neighbor wrong, especially in regard to money matters, that we are in constant danger of being uncharitable in our judgments. It is well to remember that all economics are not praiseworthy and that far-sightedness is of the first importance in considering expenditures. The result of saving or spending must be carefully considered before a decision is reached, for what might look like extravagance at the time may, later on, bring back such valuable returns as to prove it the wisest of economies, while many a bit of saving has been the cause of large expenditure.

For instance, a thrifty housewife concluded last spring to paper her diningroom and kitchen herself, in order to save money. She was wholly unaccustomed to such work and, although she accomplished it successfully and was better pleased with the result than she would have been if the paper hanger had done it, yet she over-tired herself, brought on nervous prostration and not only suffered much before regaining her health, but she was obliged to pay the doctor several times the amount of the paper-hanger's bill.

Another mother was often censured because she entertained so much. "I should love to invite my friends as freely as you do," said her friends whose incomes were about the same, "but I can't afford it. Yet a few years later, when the children were all well settled in life, it was found in almost every case that their successful start was largely due to their wide circle of friends and acquaintances. Let us be slow to condemn another's extravagance, for it may prove to be the "bread cast upon the waters" which will come back "after many days"—perhaps at the time of greatest need.

Jesus utilizes the great parable of the pation and eagerness. I family for the last time; and as he had invested fatherhood and sonhood with their highest meaning, so he now she would a novel, at spiritualizes home. What Mary's cottage at Bethany had been to the little company during holy week, with its quiet had hitherto been blind.

rest after the turmoil of Jerusalem; what some humble house on the shore of Galilee was to St. John, with its associations of Salome; what the great temple was to the pious Jews, with its presence of the eternal, that on the higher scale was heaven. Jesus availed himself of a wealth of tender recollections and placed heaven in the heart of humanity when he said, "My Father's house."—Ian Maclaren.

Roundabout to Ezekiel's Watchtower

BY LUCY ELLIOT KEELER

I had been reading Mrs. Wharton's Valley of Decision, and with other readers wondered what relation existed between the story and its title. The next Sunday, by one of those curious gatherings of events—which make us believe that everything is always around us had we only the eyes to see them—the minister read the third chapter of Joel, and I was startled to hear:

"Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision."

"Exactly!" I said to myself; "that epitomizes the whole story of Italian society before the upheaval of the revolution. I began reading the Old Testament that afternoon with a view of finding other phrases which had been used as book titles, as well as those which might prove suggestive along that line. The summer afternoon slipped away, and when I finally aroused myself to the time I smiled at my own absorption. I had not been so unfeignedly interested in any reading for a long time. I had simply rediscovered the trite principle that the pursuit of any single line of research throws light upon all that intersect it.

Eager to try the theory on somebody else, I concocted a Sunday game for a group of young people in the house. We would together make out a short list of well-known personages. Each of us would select a book of the Bible and search it for quotations descriptive of our celebrities. In the evening we would read our discoveries and vote upon the most pertinent. The palm was carried off by a girl who wrote over Prince Henry's name, "She brought him butter in a lordly dish."

Above the amusement of the game, however, I was interested in the comments of the young people. Without exception, each of them had found the book he or she had chosen intensely absorbing and "full of new things which I never saw before."

One college girl declared that she had sometimes wished that the Bible had been entirely kept from her until she was eighteen—as a coming-of-age treasure to which she would approach full of anticipation and eagerness. The day's reading of Numbers, however, reminded her that she had never before read it through as she would a novel, at one sitting, and that she now saw attractions in long stretches of Bible reading to which she had hitherto been blind.

All this will seem threadbare indeed to many readers. Others, however, may find in a personal experience like this suggestions for their own more enlightened reading of the great Book. In the novel to which reference has already been made, Mrs. Wharton referred to the Valley of Ezekiel, and as the phrase half repeated the title I decided to look up that prophet of whom I knew so little. I read the fifty chapters through at one sitting, rapidly, for the story and the general effect.

What did it all mean? I asked myself. Why those anvil strokes of "Son of Man, Son of Man"; "appease my fury, appease my fury." Fury? God's? Why was Ezekiel forbidden to shed one tear for the dear wife who was suddenly taken from him? Why the detailing of most revolting situations? What grandiose flights of imagination! what dirges! what wheels within wheels, and omniscient eyes! and what a hush over my heart with those lastfour words! I could hardly wait for a new day to open that I might begin again upon this strange story.

At the second reading I counted the phrases, "Son of Man." There were ninety. I made notes of the chronology. I perceived that the beautiful description of Tyre, under the symbol of a gallant ship moored in the seas, was literal history, perhaps the most remarkable description of Tyre's glory extant.

All this was a mere beginning. Sitting up with a friend waiting for a belated train, I proposed to read Ezekiel aloud to her, and her comments elicited fresh wonders from the text. I began mentioning Ezekiel in talk and in letters. Some one sent back a "Traveler's text," which after all my perusal of Ezekiel had hitherto escaped my notice. Picked out so from its lurid setting, and handed me by a friend, the verse became a treasured possession, catching trains with me, and walking strange streets, and settling many a question of holiday procedure: "Yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in all the countries where I shall come."

More than one correspondent wrote back that she had asked her minister to preach a sermon on Ezeklel; one was reading the book in German; another called my attention to the artists who had portrayed Ezeklel, notably Raphael and Sargent; and the poets who, like Whittier, had sought to bring him into human relationship. One of the young persons who had participated in the Sunday game made up a catechism after "Who was the meekest man?" of our childhood. Some of her questions would stagger even the recondite student:

"Who beside Absalom was suspended by the hair of his head?"

"How long did the prophet lie upon his left side? how long upon his right?"

Lest I might think her flippant, she had tucked in with a catechism a compilation of the beautiful promises of the book, with her opinion that Paul might have been proud to write that remarkable passage in the twenty-sixth chapter, promising Israel a new heart.

Not until in such varied ways as these I had become thoroughly familiar with the text and the story did I take up authoritative "helps." With Buchanan Blake's How to Read Ezekiel, and Ezekiel in the Cambridge Bible series, came a flood of light. Allegory separated itself from history; visions and symbols fell into perspective; I made charts of the temple and divisions of the land : I shared Ezekiel's agitation in delivering his dread burden of judgment; and after the storm and stress wherein the Children of Israel learned the alphabetic principles of life, I felt upon my own face some mist of that life-giving stream issuing from the Throne and believed as never before that "the Lord is there."

For a Grave

Pansies first and violets blue, While our thought is full of yov, While they name you soft and low, Lest the heart should overflow.

Roses in a little while, When we learn again to smile, When our sorrow finds relief In the sympathy of grief.

Lilies last in later years,
After time has dried our tears,
Such as brother Lippo paints
In the hands of happy sairts.
—Rennell Rodd, in Myrtle and Oak.

Winning and Keeping a Boy's Friendship

BY PRUDENCE PEPPER

It has been said that if a boy is ever to become a true man, that vital spark of manhood exists and should be recognized in early, very early childhood. The parent, pastor, teacher, or friend who would receive a boy's loyal devotion must so introduce himself that the embryo man, in his turn, will feel that his individuality is known and valued by a kindred spirit.

You must not only love the boy, you must like him, if you would be his friend. To no other will he consciously reveal himself. Search deeply and assiduously for some individual and likable trait in the youngest boy of your acquaintance. When found, act in reference to it and note the result.

The necessity and value of counting young children as individuals cannot be insisted upon too strongly. When this theory is reduced to practice, how will adults conduct themselves toward the children and youth in whom they find likable qualities, and from whom they seek an honest liking in return?

Your little son will doubtless love you because you are his mother, the source of his greatest comforts and pleasures. He will like you or dislike you for the same reasons that lead other people to like or dislike you.

You must win your boy by the same gentle, womanly arts by which, years ago, you won his father's heart. You strove to make yourself pleasing in his eyes; in his presence you repressed the frown and restrained the impatient word. Try the same means of making yourself attractive to your little boy, and see what an ardent little lover he will become.

When you have won him, keep him. Never appear before him in dishabille of dress or manner, such as would cover you with shame and confusion if witnessed by adults not included in the family circle. Never find yourself about to speak to your boy as you would not dare to speak to a stranger, an enemy or your neighbor's child. Did you ever listen to a tiresome visitor, bid her a smiling fare-

well, ask her to come again, and in the next breath give vent to your restrained vexation by making a sharp reply to your child who has been waiting so long for a share of his mother's attention? Does he like "cross mamma" any tetter than your visitor would like a cross, discourteous hostess?

Teacher of youth, clothed in the brief authority delegated by parents through school officials, do you ever stop to consider whether your pupils would voluntarily seek your presence or help because they like you? Do you sometimes speak to them as you would not dare to speak to their parents, or to their older brothers and sisters upon whose good

opinion your social popularity depends?

A boy's reticence is just a little greater than his keen sensitiveness. For this reason, parents and teachers, we seldom, if ever, hear from him those just criticisms which would be a revelation to most of us.

Care of Eyeglasses

When glasses are required they should be given proper care by the wearer. We have often seen patients wearing glasses so scratched and dirty that a great effort must necessarily be made to see through them. In using eyeglasses they should never be folded, as they soon become misshapen and scratched. For the same reason glasses should not be thrown carelessly upon tables, stands, etc., and when out of shape, nicked and scratched, they should be repaired or new ones purchased. After the correct lens has been selected, care should be taken that the frames are carefully adjusted by a competent optician, as oftentimes improperly fitted frames destroy all the benefits that would have resulted from the glasses.—A. B. Norton, in The Atlantic.

A Game with Bubbles

Probably the liveliest amusement for a children's party may be enjoyed by means of a cake of brown soap, a number of common clay pipes and a basin of strong soapsuds placed in the center of the table. The young folks are given clay pipes with neat ribbons attached, and an ironing board covered with cloth is rested on the backs of two chairs of different height. At the lower end of the board two pieces of wood are fastened so as to stand upright on either side of the board, forming a goal.

The object of the game is for each player in turn to dip his pipe in the suds, blow a bubble, drop it on the upper end of the board and earefully blow it forward, and, if possible, through the goal.

Laughable Definitions

Many children are so crammed with everything that they really know nothing. In proof of this, read these veritable specimens of definitions, written by public school children:

"Stability is the taking care of a stable."

"A mosquito is the child of black and white parents."

"Monastery is the place for monsters."
"Toesin is something to do with getting drunk."

"Expostulation is to have the smallpox."

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"Anatomy is the human body, which consists of three parts, the head, the chist and the stummick. The head contains the eyes and brains, if any; the chist contains the lungs and a piece of the liver. The stummick is devoted to the bowels, of which there are five, a, e, i, o, u, and sometimes w and y."

-James Henry Foss, in The Gentleman from Everywhere.

Closet and Altar

IN LENT

The Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him.

Repentance is the awakening of the consciousness of sin; and penitence is the ever-deepening abhorrence of its sinfulness.—Bishop Thorold.

There is no thirst of the soul so consuming as the desire for pardon. The sense of its bestowal is the starting-point of all goodness. It comes bringing with it, if not the freshness of innocence, yet a glow of inspiration that nerves feeble hands for hard tasks, a fire of hope that lights anew the old high ideal, so that it stands before the eye in high relief, beckoning us to make it our own.—Charles H. Brent.

If you think how the world is flooded with forgiveness, you will just dip in your cup and take what you want.—George Macdonald.

Because I spent the strength thou gavest me In struggle which thou never didst ordain, And have but dregs of life to offer thee, O Lord, I do repent, I do repent.

Because I was impatient, would not wait, But thrust my implous hands across thy

threads,

And marred the pattern drawn out for my life,

O Lord, I do repent, I do repent.

Because thou hast borne with me all this while, Hast smitten me with love until I weep, Hast called me as a mother calls her child,

O Lord, I do repent, I do repent.
-Sarah Williams.

A heart renewed—a loving heart—a penitent, humble heart—a heart broken and contrite, purified by love—that and only that is the rest of man. Spotlessness may do for angels—Repentance unto Life is the highest that belongs to man.—F. W. Robertson.

God does not desire that we should pitch our tents in the valley of repentance and humiliation. He is satisfied if we only pass through on our way to the happy heights of peace beyond.—Julia H. Thayer.

O Thou, who by the right hand of the Father art called to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins, now, in this accepted time, I come to Thee for these great blessings. My heart is hard and impatient, and little affected by my many sins and Thy great goodness; I beseech Thee, take away the stony heart, and give me a heart of flesh. Vouchsafe unto me that broken and contrite spirit which the high and holy God will not despise. May Thy sufferings, gracious Redeemer, touch and melt my soul. Let the goodness of God lead me to repentance. Never leave me to myself, and my own perverse, wayward and wandering heart. O now bring me back, by Thy Holy Spirit, to my heavenly Father; and returning to Him, may I obtain His mercy, and find that He does abundantly pardon, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.



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The Boy's Iliad, by Walter Copland Perry. pp. 411. Macmillan Co. \$1.25.

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Between the crowded barrack in New York which shelters hundreds of the poor, and the farms and homes of the country up the Hudson, connection of sympathy and help is supplied by a bright, motherly and courageous little girl. The story is well told and carries the sympathy of the reader, young or old.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Egregious English, by Angus McNelll, pp. 210. G.P. Putnam's Sons. \$1.25.

A counterblast to Mr. Crosland's book, The Unspeakable Soot, which we noticed some months ago. Mr. McNeill labors under the double disadvantage of being an imitator and lacking the deliberate audacity and keen sense of delight in a perilous situation which distinguished the previous stuation which distinguished the previous book. He is too much in earnest for his purpose. But the English are fair game for satire and there are some good hits.

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Introduction to the Talmud, by M. Mielziner, Ph.D., D.D. pp. 297. Funk & Wagnalls Co. \$2.00 net.

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Bits from New Books

Joseph Parker's Wit

The Doctor gave a speech full of telling points. Near the conclusion a man refused to remove his hat. "Take it off," shouted many, thinking it neither respectful to speaker nor audience, "Take it off."

Noticing the commotion Dr. Parker stretched

out his hand and in tones of inimitable sar-casm said: "Let him alone and let his hat alone. Believe me, gentlemen, there is nothing in it."—From Adamson's Life of Joseph Parker (Revell).

When Words Fail

Where's the words big enough to thank od? I don't know'em. I can't ever think God? I don't know'em. I can't ever think 'tis true yet - From Philipotts' The River

A Fresh Argument for Immortality

What does it mean—this strange fact, that to man alone, the highest of all, the not of all, the terrible secret has been revealed that he stands among the lower tribes of unconscious and joyful creatures, as a man might stand watching the unconscious play of children in a ship which he knew was What does it mean? Does it mean that the world is a mockery and a deceit? It would mean this if it did not mean the opposite. What it does mean is this, that to man vealed the finiteness of the earthly life, because to him is revealed the infiniteness of the eternal life.—From Everett's Immortality (Am. Unitarian Assn.)

We All Know Them

She was a girl it was impossible to describe without mentioning her clothes.—From Bottome's Life, The Interpreter (Longmans).

The Noises of a Sailing Ship

A landsman has no idea of the various noises on board a wind-jammer in a storm. Every part of the ship groans; up above, the gale roars, sings and whistles through the rigging; one backstay produces a deep note, and one could fancy an organ was being played aloft; others shriek shrilly like telegraph wires; some hum, some ring, others twang like banjo strings; and above all is the orash of the seas falling on the main deck and the clang of the hardly-used ports as they are banged first open and then shut by each succeeding wave.—From Lubbock's Round the Horn Before the Mast (Dutton).

Revelation and Inspiration

Inspiration is the breath of life in a work or a man. Revelation is the unveiling of a truth or principle which clears or enlarges our thoughts. We know more through revelation; we feel more through inspiration.—From The Temple Bible (Lippincott).

The Chicago Wheat Market

It's like this: If we send the price of wheat down too far, the farmer suffers, the fellow who raises it; if we send it up too far, the poor man in Europe suffers, the fellow who eats it. And food to the peasant on the continent is bread—not meat or potatoes, as it is with us. The only way to do so that neither the American farmer nor the European peasant suffers, is to keep wheat at any average, legitimate value. The moment you inflate or depress that somebody suffers right away. And that is just what these gamblers are doing all the time, beoming it up or booming

it down. Think of it, the food of hundreds and hundreds of thousands of people just at the mercy of a few men down there on the Board of Trade They make the price. They Board of Trade They make the price. They say just how much the peasant shall pay for his loaf of bread. If he can't pay the price, he simply starves. And as for the farmer, why its ludicrous. If I build a house and offer it for sale, I put my own price on it; and if the price offered don't suit me, I don't sell. But if I go out here in Iowa and raise a crop of wheat, I've got to sell it, whether I want to or not, at the figure named by some want to or not, at the figure named by son fellows in Chicago. And to make themselves rich they may make me sell it at a price that bankrupt me.—From Norris's The Pit (Doubleday, Page).

Chinese Attics

At one side was an attic or space under the roof, the floor of which formed the ceiling of an adjoining room. I noticed, as with us, the same accumulation of attic rubbish—too useful to throw away and too worthless to keep— stuff upon which more distracting brain en-ergy has been wasted by man than in the writing big books.—From Morse's Glimpses of China (Little, Brown).

The Elemental

Any touch of the elemental, of the veracity and singleness of the natural forces gives value to a man's utterances, and Lincoln and Grant were undoubtedly the two most ele-Grant were undoubtedly the two most elemental men brought out by the war. The literary value of the Bible, doubtless, arises largely from its elemental character. The utterances of simple, unlettered men—farmers, sailors, soldiers—often have great force and impressiveness from the same cause; there are in them the virtue and seriousness of real things. One great danger of schools, colleges, libraries is that they tend to kill or to overlay this elemental quality in a manto make the poet speak from his culture in-stead of from his heart.—From Burroughs's Literary Values (Houghton, Mifflin).

Necessary to a Happy Marriage

Next to the fact of love, the most important thing in a happy marriage appears to me to be the fact that the man and the woman could be pleasant companions if they were not married. If they have enough in common so that they would seek each other for mutual comradeship, whether married or not, then it is pretty safe for them to get married.— From Savage's Men and Women (Am. Unitarian Assn.)

Dodging Enthusiasms

Marian is delightful if one is lucky enough to catch her in between two enthusiasms.— From Zangwill's One's Womankind (Barnes).

From Steamer to School

The distinctive peculiarity of school work at the North End is the ungraded class for newly-arrived foreign children. This is a characteristic necessity in a district where a master may say of his graduating class, "Twenty-seven out of forty-two were born in Russia; and from three to five years ago not one of those twenty-seven could speak English." Another remark made by the same master shows more fundamentally the need and nature of ungraded work at the need and nature of ungraded work at the North End: "We have five fresh from the steamer today. They go into the ungraded classes for special language work, and they will be pushed ahead as fast as possible toward their proper grade."—From Woods's Americans in Process (Houghton, Mifflin).

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A catechism for Free Thinkers, written by the son, and based on the philosophical work of Dr. Francis Ellinwood Abbot. The general attitude is that of an enlightened but radical scholarship. We discover that the author belongs to the left wing when we reach his chapter on Sectarianism, for here is a sur-prising criticism of Unitarian conservatism.

The Next Step in Evolution, by Isaac K. Funk, D. D., L.L. D. pp. 106. Funk & Wagnalls Co. 50 cents net.

An essay that first appeared as an introduction to George Croly's Salathlel, based on the Wandering Jew legend. The writer believes the near future will see the second coming of Christ, and this will be an unfolding of a new type life, thus making a national crisis in harmony with the successive steps in evolu-tion. The book is enriched with apt quotations from Romannes, Fiske, Huxley, Haeckel and is a careful argument for the visible reappearance of our Lord.

An attempt to put in a popular form the

main results of the newer religious thought and social sentiment as influenced by science and Biblical criticism. The author sketches a pessimistic picture of the religious situaa pessimistic picture of the religious situa-tion, noting the wastefulness of both men and resources in modern Protestant organization. He suggests that co-operation is "almost an-other name for religion," and calls for a "civic church" supported by municipal expenditure. The book can hardly be considered a contri-

REFERENCE BOOKS

A Student's History of English Literature, by W. E. Simonds. pp. 483. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25 net.

The author modestly states in his preface that he makes small claim of originality in his method of compiling this book. But the result of his work seems to us thoroughly satisfactory. The historical setting is clear, the estimates of men candid and original, the bibliographies full, and the aids to study unusually suggestive. The unique illustrations—facsimilies of pages from ancient manuscripts and rare books—add much to the value of the volume.

What Great Men Have Said About Great Men, by Wm. Wale. pp. 482. E. P. Dutton & Co. \$2.50 net. ACO. \$2.50 net.

This compilation by an Englishman serves a useful purpose, and fills a place in the reference-work library of editors and authors never filled before. Naturally it is richer in quotations from English authors than any other, and the references to Americans by either Europeans or Americans are not over numerous. Thus there is only one tribute to Lincoln and that by Walt Whitman. But after all discount is made for limited range in this respect it still remains a valuable in this respect it still remains a valuable

Scientific Sidelights. Compiled by Jas. C. Fernald. pp. 917. Funk & Wagnalls Co. \$5.00

net.

A reference book, on a large scale, compiled from the judgments of scientific authorities. It covers a wide field and contains much matter of interest to the general reader; and much also that might be of high suggestiveness to preachers. Indexed with remarkable care and fullness, which puts its contents easily at the service of the student.

BIOGRAPHY

Barnas Sears, by Alvah Hovey, D.D., L pp. 184. Silver, Burdett & Co. \$1.25. An admirable brief life of one of the most prominent and successful of American edu-cators. Barnas Sears as theological teacher, continuer of the work of Horace Mann as Massachusetts secretary of the Board of Education, president of Brown University and agent of the Peabody Educational Fund, played a large and useful part in the educa-tional activities of the last century. Dr. Hovey has written admiringly and sympa-thetically and made an interesting book. There are good portraits and pictures of

An Uncrowned Queen, by Bernie Balt pp. 270. Fleming H. Revell Co. 75 cents pp. 270. Fleming H. Reveil Co. 75 cents net. By ne means an ideal biography, but it answers the purpose of a popular introduction to Miss Frances E. Willard's life and work, especially for young people. The author has neither the breadth of view nor the judicial temper which would enable her to estimate her heroine's real influence and service. Her belief that the liquor trade first became legal when the Government taxed it for war revenue vitiates her whole treatment of the fight against intemperance. The question is, unfortunately, by no means so simple. She has used Miss Willard's diaries to advantage to make a lifelike story of her early life. make a lifelike story of her early life.

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reappearance of our Lord.

The Smoke and the Flame, by Chas. F. Dolepp. 206. Am. Unitarian Assn. 80 cents net.
An attempt to put in a popular form the

*The Loyalists in the American Revolution, by Claude
Haistead van Tyne. pp. 366. Macmilian Co. \$1.50 net.

are fast becoming extinct among the Friends, as well as among Protestants in general. The book is helpful, too, for its generalizations on the religion of boyhood and on wise methods of saving youth when in their adolescent

"Brether Ben," by George W. King, Ph. D. pp. 87. Eaton & Mains, 50 cents net. "Brether Hen," by George
pp. 87. Eaton & Mains. 50 cents net.

A Methodist pastor's sketch of the life of one
of the truest and best of his laymen, Ben
Barhydt, a familiar figure for some years on
the streets of Worcester and a Methodist of
the old-fashloned "shouting" sort. His eccentricity sinks out of sight in the depth of
his moral earnestness."

BOYS AND GIRLS

The Boy's Hiad, by Walter Copland Perry.
pp. 411. Macmillan Co. \$1.25.

The Iliad does not tell the whole story of the
Greek conquest of Troy. Mr. Perry has put
together from it and from other sources a connected narrative of the events which led up
to the expedition and of the course of the
siege. His book will appeal to imaginative
boys and serve as a good introduction to
knowledge of the Greek mythology and hero
stories.

The Haunted Mine, by Harry Castler 433. H. T. Coates & Co. 80 cents net An investment of thirty cents at an auction sale of uncalled-for express packages brings a working boy the title deeds to property, including a deserted gold mine in the West. He and the chum with whom he shares are manly fellows, and their adventures, difficulties and studies make the substance of the book. Mr. Castlemon handles his improbable material with a good sense of proportion.

Elmcove, by Mrs. Harriet A. Cheever. pp. 334. Am. Tract Soc. \$1.25. Am. Tract Soc. \$1.25.

A story of the influence of a "shut-in," a young girl who in the first flush of her beautiful womanhood meets with an accident which keeps her a lifelong invalid. The atmosphere of the book is cheerful and its pictures of the transformation of character through helpfulness to others, though lacking in some elements of bitter opposition which we know too well in real life, are well drawn and interesting. A good book for the Sunday school library and one which will interest girls.

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Daisies and Diggleses, by Evelyn Raymond. pp. 131. T. Y. Crowell & Co. 50 cents net. Between the crowded barrack in New York which shelters hundreds of the poor, and the farms and homes of the country up the Hudson, connection of sympathy and help is supplied by a bright, motherly and courageous little girl. The story is well told and carries the sympathy of the reader, young or old.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Egregious English, by Angus McNeill, pp. 210. G.P. Putnam's Sons. \$1.25.

A counterblast to Mr. Crosland's book, The Unspeakable Soot, which we noticed some months ago. Mr. McNeill labors under the double disadvantage of being an imitator and lacking the deliberate audacity and keen sense of delight in a perilous situation which distinguished the previous book. He is too much in earnest for his purpose. But the English are fair game for satire and there are some good hits.

Pitmanic Shorthand Instructor, by Charles T. Platt. pp. 286. Am. Book Co. \$1.20.

A clearly arranged and complete instructor in the Pitman system of phonography. Each chapter, or lesson, contains a limited amount of definite information, an illustrative exercise with key and a test or practice exercise for the use of the student.

Introduction to the Talmud, by M. Mielziner, Ph.D., D.D. pp. 297. Funk & Wagnalis Co. \$2.00 net.
The Talmud is the codification of the oral law which in the form of tradition and precedent grew up among the Jews from about 200 B. C. to 300 A. D., together with an enormous mass of accumulated opinions in regard to its force and meaning. This is the second edition of an introduction to its study by Professor Mielziner of the Hebrew Union College. It is rather too technical for the general reader, but contains a mass of interesting material which will be welcome to specialists.

Bits from New Books

Joseph Parker's Wit

The Doctor gave a speech full of telling coints. Near the conclusion a man refused o remove his hat. "Take it off," shouted to ren many, thinking it neither respectful to speaker nor audience, "Take it off." Noticing the commotion Dr. Parker stretched

out his hand and in tones of inimitable sar-casm said: "Let him alone and let his hat alone. Believe me, gentlemen, there is nothing in it."—From Adamson's Life of Joseph Parker (Revell).

When Words Fail

Where's the words big enough to thank God? I don't know'em. I can't ever think 'tis true yet - From Philipotts' The River (Stokes).

A Fresh Argument for Immortality

What does it mean-this strange fact, that man alone, the highest of all, the noblest of all, the terrible secret has been revealed that he stands among the lower tribes of unconscious and joyful creatures, as a man might stand watching the unconscious play of children in a ship which he knew was slowly but certainly filling and sinking? What does it mean? Does it mean that the world is a mookery and a deceit? It would mean this if it did not mean the opposite. What it does mean is this, that to man is re-vealed the finiteness of the earthly life, because to him is revealed the infiniteness of the eternal life.—From Everett's Immortality (Am. Unitarian Assn.)

We All Know Them

She was a girl it was impossible to describe without mentioning her clothes.—From Bottome's Life, The Interpreter (Longmans).

The Noises of a Sailing Ship

A landsman has no idea of the various noises on board a wind-jammer in a storm. Every part of the ship groans; up above, the gale roars, sings and whistles through the rigging; one backstay produces a deep note, and one could fancy an organ was being played aloft; others shriek shrilly like telegraph wires; some hum, some ring, others twang like banjo strings; and above all is the crash of the seas falling on the main deck and the clang of the hardly-used ports as they are banged first open and then shut by each succeeding wave.—From Lubbock's Round the Horn Before the Mast (Dutton).

Revelation and Inspiration

Inspiration is the breath of life in a work or a man. Revelation is the unveiling of a truth or principle which clears or enlarges our thoughts. We know more through revelation; we feel more through inspiration.—From The Temple Bible (Lippincott).

The Chicago Wheat Market

It's like this: If we send the price of wheat down too far, the farmer suffers, the fellow who raises it; if we send it up too far, the peor man in Europe suffers, the fellow who eats it. And food to the peasant on the continent is bread—not meat or potatoes, as it is with us. The only way to do so that neither it down. Think of it, the food of hundreds and hundreds of thousands of people just at the mercy of a few men down there on the Board of Trade They make the price. They e peasant shall pay for his loaf of bread. If he ear't pay the price, he simply starves. And as for the farmer, why its ludicrous. If I build a house and offer it for sale, I put my own price on it; and it the price offered don't suit me, I don't sell. But if I go out here in Iowa and raise a crop of wheat, I've got to sell it, whether I want to or not, at the figure named by some fellows in Chicago. And to make themselves rich they may make me sell it at a price that bankrupt, me.—From Norris's The Pit (Doubleday, Page).

Chinese Attics

At one side was an attic or space under the roof, the floor of which formed the ceiling of an adjoining room. I noticed, as with us, the accumulation of attic rubbish-too useful to throw away and too worthless to keep— stuff upon which more distracting brain en-ergy has been wasted by man than in the writing big books.—From Morse's Glimpses of China (Little, Brown).

The Elemental

Any touch of the elemental, of the veracity and singleness of the natural forces gives value to a man's utterances, and Lincoln and Grant were undoubtedly the two most ele-mental men brought out by the war. The The literary value of the Bible, doubtless, arises largely from its elemental character. The utterances of simple, unlettered men-farmers, sailors, soldiers-often have great force and impressiveness from the same cause; there are in them the virtue and seriousness of real things. One great danger of schools, colleges, libraries is that they tend to kill or to overlay this elemental quality in a man-to make the poet speak from his culture in-stead of from his heart.—From Burroughs's Literary Values (Houghton, Mifflin).

Necessary to a Happy Marriage

Next to the fact of love, the most important thing in a happy marriage appears to me to be the fact that the man and the woman could be pleasant companions if they were ot married. If they have enough in comm so that they would seek each other for mutual comradeship, whether married or not, then it is pretty safe for them to get married,— From Savage's Men and Women (Am. Unitarian Assn.)

Dodging Enthusiasms

Marian is delightful if one is lucky enough to catch her in between two enthusiasms.— From Zangueill's One's Womankind (Barnes).

From Steamer to School

The distinctive peculiarity of school work at the North End is the ungraded class for newly-arrived foreign children. This is a characteristic necessity in a district where a master may say of his graduating class, "Twenty-seven out of forty-two were born in Russia; and from three to five years ago not one of those twenty-seven could speak English." Another remark made by the same master shows more fundamentally the need and nature of ungraded work at the the American farmer nor the European peasant suffers, is to keep wheat at any average, legitimate value. The moment you inflate or classes for special language work, and they depress that somebody suffers right away.

And that is just what these gamblers are doing all the time, booming it up or booming deference in the following days are doing all the time, booming it up or booming days are days and nature of ungraded work at the need and nature of ungraded work at the time and the first proper grade. They go into the ungraded work at the time and the first proper graded work at the need and nature of ungraded work at the time and the first proper graded work at the time and the first proper graded work at the time and the first proper graded work at the time and the first proper graded work at the time and the first proper graded work at the time and the first proper graded work at the time and the first proper graded work at the time and the first proper graded work at the

The Campaign of Testimony*

XII. The Personal Salvation of the Witness

By PROP. EDWARD I. BOSWORTH

probably a circular letter written for a men-to be sons and brothers. circle of churches in the province of Asia, of which the most prominent was that at Ephesus. Its great theme is God's eternal purpose to save believers, both Jewish and non-Jewish, through the death of Jesus Christ; and to unite and exalt both in one body by virtue of their common connection with the exalted Christ. The paragraph selected for this lesson is one in which non-Jewish believers are represented to have been given life and glory through faith in Jesus Christ.

1. Children of wrath. In strong language Paul describes that from which we are saved and that to which we are saved. That from which we are saved is described as the disobedient choice of a lower instead of a higher good. The selfish instincts, described as "the desires of the which have their place in the personality were wickedly allowed to dominate it. This choice of the lower good instead of the higher good was in direct disobedience to God who calls upon his children to imitate him in choosing the higher instead of the lower. In yielding to the selfish instincts they had acted in accordance with the will of the "prince of the power of the air," a Jewish designation of Satan, and one perhaps specially significant to the ex-magicians of Ephesus. The consequence of this unholy rejection of the higher good is described as consisting in "death" and in the experience of the "wrath of God." "Death" is unresponsiveness to one's environment; that is, in the case of the spiritual part of a man, unresponsiveness to his spiritual environment, to the personal Spirit of God and to the spirits of other men. He who makes no filial response to God, or brotherly response to men is "dead." His case is the tragedy in the family of God. He is "lost" to the family of God. He is said to be the object of God's "wrath" that is, of God's indignant sorrow.

2. The transforming love of God. In close connection with the wrath of God Paul speaks also of his "great love." Wrath and love are not opposing qualities, contending with each other for the mastery. The wrath here spoken of springs out of the love. If God did not love he would feel no wrath. If a man passing along the street sees a little boy doing mischief, he may interest himself sufficiently to put a stop to it, though very likely he passes by without interfering, If, however, as he draws near, he discovers that the boy is his own child, his whole attitude towards the situation changes. His indignation is aroused and he speedily interferes with a strong hand. His wrath springs out of his love. So God's wrath grows out of his love. It is because he is our Father that his wrath kindles at our disobedience.

The fatherly love of God secures a marvelous transformation in us. It brings us up from death into life. That unresponsiveness to our spiritual environment which constitutes death ceases, and we

The so-called letter to the Ephesians is begin to respond to the spirits of God and

3. The method of the transformation. What did God do to produce in us this awakening sense of sonship and brotherliness? He brought us into personal connection with Jesus Christ. quickened us together with Christ," "raised us up with him," "made us sit with him." There was that about Jesus Christ which kindled our "faith" in him. To have "faith" in a person is to believe him to be what he represents himself to be and to treat him accordingly. Jesus Christ came to us as the revelation of God. We regarded him as such and accepted him as such. Then he laid hold of us through the transforming power of his great friendship and brought us up out of that fatal unresponsiveness to God and man that is death. In beginning to love him we began to love God, for in him God stands forth at his clearest; and in beginning to love him we began to love men, for we found him to be devoting himself with passionate unreserve to men. His personal approach to us then has been our salvation. He is our

4. The outlook into eternity. The believer's outlook into eternity is determined by the character of his personal relation to Jesus Christ. This relation is so close that the believer and his Lord are inseparable. The Lord has gone into the "heavenly places," and there in spirit the believer goes too. By a bold figure the spirit of the believer is said by Paul to have followed his Lord even to the throne of God [v. 6: cf. Col. 3: 1-4]. This relation outlasts death and will persist into the endless ages. God has great resources of kindness to show to us that will surpass anything that he has yet exhibited and that eternity cannot exhaust. Yet it is through Jesus Christ and our friendship with him that these eternal resources of kindness will be exhibited.

The disciple, then, looks out upon eternity with the expectation of sharing his Lord's friendship forever more. This opens to him the prospect of an endless career to be marked by wonderful achievement. Jesus, who has appeared as the most forceful personality known to history, surely will not be inactive through the ages. He will have occupations and achievements commensurate with his powers. These occupations and achievements the believer has the prospect of sharing. Perhaps they will be great be-nevolent enterprises that still lie unrevealed in the mind of God, "good works which God afore prepared that we should walk in them" [v. 10]. It is for participation in these vast enterprises that we are now being prepared by the routine of daily life. God is now working upon "We are his workmanship;" and he who is a "workman that needeth not to be ashamed" will see to it that we are ready for our eternal career in Christ Jesus.

And doubtless, unto thee is given A life that bears immortal fruit In those great offices that suit The full-grown energies of heaven.

The Daily Portion

THE HANDBOOK RIBLE READINGS

BY ISAAC OGDEN BANKIN

March 8, Sunday. The Prophet at Home .-Mark 6: 1-6.

Nazareth was like many an American village where everybody knows everybody. Jesus was just the carpenter—the oldest of a large family of boys and girls. The perfect balance of qualities in his quiet life had never impressed them. It is the unbalanced character which first attracts attention. Try to imagine the perfect life of Jesus as son an brother, wage-earner, after Joseph's death, and adviser of his brothers at their start in life. "He wondered"—if unbelief wonders at faith-faith, with more reason, wonders at unbelief.

March 9. Sending forth Helpers .- Mark 6: 7-

The sent are still evangelists, proclaimers, not pastors. It is plowing time; their message is a call to repentance. After their work Jesus arranges for their rest. Earned rest is a part of service. Some of us less fulness by overwork. Some never know what ause we never put our whole hearts

March 10. Compassion on the Multitude .-Mark 6: 32-44; John 6: 15.

Jesus had compassion because they were as sheep without a shepherd. Yet when they ed to make him king he withdrew him self. They could understand a revolt against ome, but not a spiritual shepherding which asked self-denial and offered no excit This was the high-water mark of the popularity of Jesus. Note that he uses for his work only what the disciples already had. Compare the parable of the ten virgins.

March 11. "It is I."-Mark 6: 45-56.

Think how great our Lord must be when in the peril of his disciples he offers them him-self. To have Christ is enough. They thought themselves forsaken, but he saw their distress. Cheer com 68, not from outward cirenmstances but from Christ's presence

March 12. Imperishable Meat .- John 6: 22-29. The best thing any one of us can do for God is to believe in him whom he hath sent. We should remember this when we cannot see the path before us and wonder what is co Trust is always the next step. ing next. The heights of confidence tend to become heights of vision. It is when action precedes trust that we make our blunders and accu-

March 13. The Bread from Heaven .- John

It was the relation of Christ's power to the difficult, central problem of daily bread which moved the multitude to enthusiasm. Most men live from hand to mouth. There is never d enough stored up to supply the ra many months to come. A king who could feed his people would be a king indeed. Jesus had bread to give them, but it was the Bread of Life. Note again the deliberate self-assertion: "I am the bread of life"; the good economy of work, "That I should lose nothing"; and of work, "That I should lose nothing"; and the long, forward look. Christ's stewardship covers our present for it continues to "the last day." Note, also, the invitation, "Him that cometh," which reproduces Isaiah's, "Ho, every one" and reaches on to the "Whosoever will" of the Apocalypse.

March 14. Manna in the Wilderness .- Ex.

Behind Moses, God! Jesus uses the manna as a type of the Bread of Life. Compare resemblances and differences. The manna was a test. It nourished God's people in the wilderness. It was a daily provision which must be daily sought. It lasted while the need lasted. But what Christ gives us is both life and the supplies of life.

^{*}International Sunday School Lesson for March 22. Eph. 2; 1-10.

Connecticut

Consulting State Editors: Rev. Messrs. J. S. Ives, Hartford; J. C. Goddard, Salisbury; W. J. Mutch, New Haven; L. W. Hicks, Hartford; T. C. Richards, West Torrington; F. S. Hyde, Oroton

BY REV. T. C. RICHARDS

Waterbury has just been brought into unenviable notoriety by the trolley men's strike, the violence incident thereto and the fourteen companies of state troops sent there by the governor to preserve order. It is worth while, when the le wer life of the city has been so much in evidence, to look at some of the forces

which make for its higher life.

Their first characteristic is fraternity of spirit and unity of effort. In fact, this co-operation is almost ideal and worthy of both study and imitation. When Edward Murphy conducting a temperance campaign in Waterbury, Dr. Davenport, pastor of Second Church, spoke with him in the Church of the Sacred Heart (Roman Catholic). And when Dr. Davenport lost his beloved and promising boy in Porto R'eo, none were more brotherly to him in his bereavement than the Roman Catholic priests. At the installation of Rev. Benjamin F. Root as pastor of Third Church, Jan. 29, the address of welcome to the city given by Rev. F. D. Buckley, rector of Trinity (Episcopal) Church, was both cor-

Here are a few of the union and interde-nominational efforts. The Waterbury Indus-trial School trains girls as housekeepers and home makers, including sewing, cooking and domestic science. What better aim for organized Christian people than to give their city good homes! The Boys' Club keeps ben two and three hundred boys off the streets, and besides amusing them aims to in-culcate manliness of the best type and so make good citizens. No direct religious instruction is given, for the boys come from both Protestant and Roman Catholic homes. The Day Nursery makes it possible for mothers to leave their bables in good care, leaving themselves free to do a day's work; and the Free Kindergarten takes care of the babies a little larger grown. The Young Women's Friendly League gives working women many educational and social advantages. The Y. M. C. A. holds a large and increasing place in work for the higher life of the city.

Another effort for the good of the city was an investigating committee composed of pastors who attempted to settle the strike. The chairman was Dr. Joseph Anderson, pastor of First Congregational Church, the other members being Father Slocum and Rev. F. B. Stockdale, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. Apparently they had succeeded in bringing both sides tegether, when the strikers declined to abide by their recom-

mendations, and riot and violence followed.

In all these union efforts Congregational hes and pastors have borne a prominent part. Dr. Anderson, thirty-eight years in the city, has become one of her first citizens, a leader in civic righteousness. A few years ago he completed one of the ablest town histories that Connecticut has. He has recently taken unto himself and his church an assistant, Rev. Frank J. Bruno, who superintends the Sunday school and works among the young people. He has a class of young men and women studying the Bible according to modern critical methods and is taking up, with the Endeavor Society, a study of Congregationalism. Dr. Anderson's preaching attracts thinkers and many professional men are in his audience. The Sunday afternoon vesper service, at five o'clock, with a fifteenminute sermon, is very popular.

Second Church, in the twenty-one years of

Dr. John G. Davenport's pastorate has grown from 558 to 1,100 members, while 1,210 mem-bers have been actually admitted. Dr. Dav-

Christian Work in the City of Clocks enport is his own evangelist, and with his stant, Rev. L. H. Holden, takes care of the second largest Congregational church in the state. The Sunday school of over 700, is rapidly outgrowing its well-equipped quar-ters, built in 1894. The Endeavor Society sent a delegation to the Silver Bay Confer ence at Lake George which greatly stimulated interest in missions and increased the offer-ings. The church is well "womaned," its enevolent and missionary societies being

particularly effective.

Second is not an institutional church, these features being provided by the interd national work spoken of previously. In the evening large numbers of non-Christians attend, the sermons are evangelistic, and the service has much music of the best character. The choir had been vested sometime before Boston thought she had found a new thing. In 1896 the church was in debt \$60,000 for its new building, which cost \$160,000. This has been reduced to about \$10,000 by a weekly offering plan, one of the best men reduction. Meantime, the pews are rented to pay current expenses. In round numbers the church raised last year for home expenses \$17,000 and gave in benevolence \$5,000. Across the river, in what is called "Brook-

lyn," is Third Church, which has been lovally d by the other and older churches, es pecially Second. It is the only Protestant church in a section of the city with a population of 10,000, including many of foreign birth. Congregational churches reach few se foreigners and Waterbury is the second city in percentage of foreign popula-tion. Third Church has some Scotch and Germans, Second Church has some Chinese, and a few French and Germans, but only the fringe is touched. Third Church, organized in 1892 with thirty-two charter members, is making brave headway. It has institutional features—a gymnasium, a loan library, literary and debating societies; and with its energetic young paster, Rev. B. F. Root, will be a ower for righteousnes

Youngest in the sisterhood of church that at Oakville. It was started as a mission some twenty-five years ago by Second Church, who gave the chapel. It was decided after twenty years to form a union church. After varying fortunes it became a Congregational church, pure and simple, last autumn, and with its new pastor, Rev. A. R. Lutz, who came Jan. 1, it is now on the highway to success. For the trolley line has assured a large

growth to the community.

Halfway out toward Oakville at Bunker
Hill is a chapel with Sunday school, Y. P. S. C. E. and a preaching service—another Congregational church, we believe, in embryo.

From New London

The vigor of the New London County Endeavor Union was shown on Washington's Birthday by the program and attendance at the annual convention in Second Church. Under the adaptive leadership of Mr. Harwood attention is being drawn to co-operation with the pastor and to the duty of zeal and knowledge for missions. Thoughtful addresses listened to with close attention denoted the change from the handkerchief waving stage to the studious. Many Raptist churches have remained with the Many Baptist churches have remained with the Endeavor Union, though a Baptist union is in ac ained with the tive erupt

ler is expressed as to when Mr. Danforth un Wonder is expressed as to when Mr. Daoforth un-packs his books. Since his recent coming to New London First he has addressed the State Sunday School Convention in New London, the fellowship meeting at his old station, Mystic, and the Endeavor Annual—all with native sense and grace. Dr. Howe and Mr. Northrop are personally con-ducting classes in modern Bible study. The latter, in an able paper read at the recent County Confer-

ence at Groton, maintained that the people are hungry for the results of modern scholars they will get them in some form, and should receive them constructively from the pastor.

F. S. H.

A Modern Miracle

In a Connecticut hill town village a farmer, with his In a Connecticut hill fown village a farmer, with his wife and tweive children, lived somewhat remote from the community center. His work was more as a teamster and in the woods than as a tiller of the soil. The wife in her girlhood had been a church member, but the man himself said, "No woman could live with me and be a Christian." The family was rarely represented in church or Sunday school.

Drunkenness and profanity were practiced in the
home. Of "native stock" indeed, but the outlook

was not cheering.

The Congregational pastor—the only one in the community—has cultivated this hill field for more community—has cultivated this hill field for more than thirty years, and regards such families as this his special obligation. He "believes and does not make haste." His faith lasts over from year to year. He demonstrates the value of long pastorates. He has increased the membership in spite of a decadent population.

One day this man came to this pastor and told him he had made up his mind that his life had been wrong. At home he called his children around him and confessed the same thing, declaring his deter-

and confessed the same thing, declaring his determination to live a different life and asking their help and companionship. Practically and with common sense they discussed the matter. The children—seven boys and five girls—were ready to fall in with the father's plan. The wife was not so ready. It dazed her. She confessed that her husband changed so that she had to get acquainted with him every day. Two pews at church were filled regularly. After some months the father, mother and older children united with the church and as the years have passed, all the children have confessed Christ before men.

In spite of early hours all have gathered morning In spite of early hours all have gathered morning and evening for worship. It was the father's idea at the beginning that it should be a time for taking bearings for an untried voyage. They confessed their fallings. Profanity especially was a besetting sin. They encouraged one another. At the beginning whiskey was dropped, then beer, then cider; and the box have all agreed to size up thesees.

and the boys have all agreed to give up tobacco.

The gospel now, no less than in years gone by, is
the power of God unto salvation to every one that

Prof. A. E. Garvie, eminent as an expositor of Ritschl, and a leader among the Scotch Congregationalists, has accepted the profer-sorship of ethics and the history of philosophy at New and Hackney College, where Principal Forsyth, another Ritschlian, is principal.



Meetings and Events to Come

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE, Park Street Church, Boston, March 9, 10.30 A. M. Speakers, Rev. Drs. John Rob-ertson, of Scotland, and Charles Inglis, of England.

AMERICAN MCALL ASSOCIATION, Boston Auxiliary.
Annual meeting, chapel of Old South Church, Boston,
March 11, 3 P. M.

SUPPOLK NORTH, SOUTH AND WEST ASSOCIATIONS-joint meeting, Union Church, Boston, March 31. Y. M. C. A. INTERNATIONAL RAILEOAD CONFERENCE, TOPER, KAIN, April 30-May 3.

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Marriages . .

TRACEY-MUNSON-In Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 24, by Rev. S. Parkes Cadman, Mr. George Edward Tracey and Lillian Adelaide, daughter of the late Rev. Frederick Munson, both of Brooklyn.

Deaths

BALL—In Townsend, Mass., Feb. 16, Mrs. Lucy E. Ball, aged 91 yrs., 1 month, 6 dys. Mrs. Ball was a lifelong member of the Townsend Congregational church. Left a widow when her sons were children, she gave the younger to the Union cause; the elder has been her loyal and devoted support in her declining years, and the state of the

Sage-intendent of schools.

GAGE—In Pepperell, Mass., Feb. 26, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Marshall Merriam, Matilda A., widow of Charles P. Gage, formerly of Nashua, N.H. PECK—In New Britain, Ct., Feb. 24, Charles Peck, aged 73 yrs. He has been a deacon of South Church since 1861.

MARTHA JEWELL CROMBIE

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Martha Jewell Cromble, the wife of Deacon Albert D.

Cromble and a deaconess of the Maplewood Congregational Church, passed away in her sixty-second year,
from her earthly home in Maiden, Mass., to the place
prepared for her, Feb. 10, after an iliness of a little over
a week, with pneumonia of Asahel L. and Mary (Atherton) Jewell, at Winchester, N. H., Oct. 31, 1841. She
was a little over a constant of the constant

and vicinity, her last service being with the Winchester high school.

She was married to Deacon Crombie, Nov. 12, 1872, at Winchester, and after a brief residence in Pennsylvania, came to Malden in 1874. Two children, Sylvia Greenwood down 1875; died 1886) and Mabel Lucretia (born 1875; died 1886), awaited her on the other side, and one, Alberta Jeweil (born 1879), remains to take up her work here. A step-daughter, with her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Cummings, a granddaughter, Esther Cummings, and the husband of over thirty years, completed the home which her spirit guided. As a teacher she was always successful and popular. During her young womanhood she united with the Winchester Congregational church, where she had assisted in the choir from girlhood, and became a teacher in the Sunday school.

The life of the Maplewood church is inseparably

Daniel Search of the Maplewood cherical and populariose to the choir from girihood, and became a teacher in the which the the choir from girihood, and became a teacher in the sunday school.

The life of the Maplewood church is inseparably bound with hers. She came to the community the year thereburch was organized, and united with it soon after. She was identified with its early struggles, its varying fortunes and its later growth. She had charge of the primary department of the Sunday school for several years, and also gave long and faithful service as the primary department of the Sunday school for several years, and also gave long and faithful service as the primary department of the Sunday school for several years, and also gave long and faithful service as the primary department of the Sunday school and all christian service. Her work and influence were not confined to her official duties. She imparted a spirit to the church, was earnest and devoted in all its interests and in the larger work of her denomination and all Christian service. Her interests were many and her deeds of love and service were rendered throughout the community blessed by her iffe. New comers were visited by her and made at once to feel that they had a freed and some in which religion.

She was always in her place at church, in health and in weakness, in storm and in sunshine, on Sunday evening as well as Sunday morning, a reverent worshiper and intelligent listener, inspiring her minister.

Among the women and to her pastor she was guide and counselor as well as an affectionate friend. Much of the time in physical weakness, always uncomplainingly borne, she not only prayed and served but led by heart the proper she has left as spirit that will unite the church that loved her to try to do the work she laid down for her year. She has left as spirit that will unite the church that loved her to try to do the work she laid down for her sake. She was a disciple in the church of Jeaus diappointments, a great save populariation to the cheme

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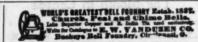
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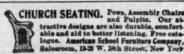


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An unusually large number gathered last Monday morning to listen to a paper by Rev. F. J. Van Horn on The Theology for the Twentieth Century. Though milder in its assertions than would have been expected a generation ago, it provoked vigor-

Last week was fully occupied with conventions. The Sunday schools held a two days' meeting which, in point of numbers and quality of program, equaled state gatherings. The meeting of the boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island extendedjover three days. This was a genuine boys' affair. Boys presided over the sessions and furnished papers and discussions.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Patriotic services were held in many churches and large congregations were the rule. At the Old South, Rev. F. J. Van Horn, pastor, standing room was at a premium. This church has adopted Rev. C. B. Olds as its foreign missionary. Pilgrim has been calling in representative men of various walks in life to speak at the Sunday evening service on Christianity from their viewpoint.

OCTOGENARIAN HONORED

The eighty-fourth birthday of Rev. William T. Sleeper was observed, Feb. 9, at Summer Street Church. The mayor and many leading citizens came to honor the well-known worker. Mr. Sleeper has been connected with local mission work from the beginnings of city evangelization. He was the second superintendent of the City Missionary Society and four of our local churches are results of his personal efforts. He is also a poet and hymn writer of note. The best known of his hymns being

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come.

His children inherit his musical gifts. Rev. W. W. Sleeper, pastor at Wellesley, is an accomplished musician; Rev. H. D. Sleeper is professor of music at Smith College, organist at Fourth Church, Hartford, Ct., and a well-known composer; and Mrs. May Sleeper Ruggles has sung in many of the best choirs and concerts in New England.

MINISTERIAL RETREAT

The ministers of Worcester and vicinity were entertained in an all-day fellowship meeting at Pledmont Church last week. The gathering was a preparation for the Lenten season. The Cross of Christ was considered in its many aspects.

LENTEN OBSERVANCE

This custom is increasing among city churches. At Pilgrim, Evangelist Sayford will assist in a series of revival services. Central will follow its usual custom of having appropriate readings by the pastor on Monday afternoons, Lenten services for the midweek prayer meeting, catechetical classes for young people preparatory to church membership, and services during Holy Week.

At Piedmont, Dr. Willard Scott is conducting classes preparatory to church membership. He has also arranged a liturgical service to be used every midweek service during Lent. It includes familiar Scripture, to be read by pastor or responsively, meditations, well-known hymns, and a brief address by the pastor. The same order is observed each week, the purpose being to eliminate the personality of speakers and hold the worshipers steadfastly to the great truths of Christ's life, death and resurrection.

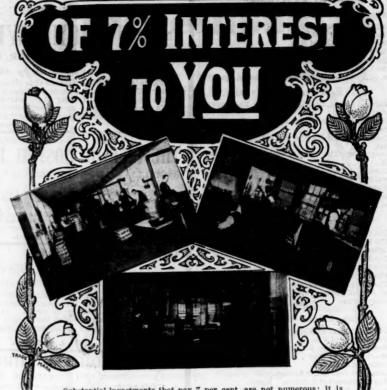
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An important deputation, consisting of the may-ors of many of the chief towns and cities of the Do-minion recently waited on the government through its representative, and asked that the government control long distance telephones, while the right be given municipalities to acquire local franchises.

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It is fully expected that legislation bearing upon the question will be passed by the parliament soon to convene.

WAR ON THE CIGARETTE

Parliament will also be asked to prohibit the sale and manufacture of the cigarette. The request comes in the form of a monster petition, its signatures having been obtained in a long campaign by the W.C. T. U. The canvass has brought to light startling facts as to the prevalence of the cigarette habit. While in the United States the manufacture of the cigarette has been steadily decreasing, the reverse is the case in Canada to an alarming degree.

AGAINST THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC

From Ontario, the storm centre of prohibition, nterest has to some extent shifted to Manitoba, where the present movement practically started. Prohibitionists there feel that their course was betrayed by a referendum on a regularly enacted prohibitory measure, and this without proper safe hibitory measure, and this without proper safe-guarding of the polls. It was therefore decided at a recent convention to place prohibition candidates in the field at the forthcoming elections.

CONGREGATIONAL CIRCLES

In Toronto a Congregational Club is plan Here also a new church has been started, the first in a score of years. In Vancouver another new church is reported, an entire Presbyterian congrechurch is reported, an entire Presbyterian congregation having come over for the larger liberty of gation having come Congregationalism.

February Club Meetings

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Pascataqua Club held its annual meeting with the church in Rye, Feb. 24. Rev. Henry Hyde of Somersworth, in his report for the Outlook Committee, discussed the growing inactivity of men in the churches. The after-dinner address was given by Rev. John Hopkins Denison, the new pastor of Central Church, Boston. His theme was Personal Experiences among the Cannibal Islands. This story of travel in a strange part of the world was told with a rare combination of vividness and simplicity, and left an indelible impression of the beauty of the tropical world and the cruelty of some beauty of the tropical world and the cruelty of some tropical men, The missionary moral was so adroitly suggested that it did not require to be affixed.

The Central New Hampshire Club met with Franklin Street Church, Manchester, Feb. 18, with an unusually large attendance, and the customary social and literary features. The address by Rev. Andrew B. Chalmers on The Social Sorrows of Industrial Selfishness was an able and timely discussion of the labor question.

RHODE ISLAND

The Providence Club met at the Troes 9, about 150 members attending. Prof. George Gunton, president of the Institute of Social Eco-nomics, New York city, drew Lessons from the

The Congregational Club of Central New York The Congregational Club of Central New York did an unusual thing in its history, by inviting Rev. Father Michael Clune, a Catholic priest of Syracuse, to address it on Feb. 16. He gave a brilliant address in Geddes Church, on Washington and Lincoln. Father Clune is American-born, with wide sympathies. He had a warm welcome from the club and anioned the evening arrows many of his club and enjoyed the evening among many of his longtime friends.

The Connecticut Valley Club, meeting at Springfield, Mass., heard Mrs. Ida V. Woodbury relate experiences In the Tennessee Mountains.

At Rutland the Western Vermont Club considered Men and the Church, with Dr. E. R. Clark, Rev. J. Men and the Charca, with Dr. E. R. Clark, Rev. J. L. Sewall and Rev. G. W. C. Hill of Proctor as speakers. Rev. Messrs. Sewall, Simms, Peck and Beard reviewed the temperance situation. Rev. C. H. Smith of Pittsford was elected president, and Rev. G. W. C. Hill of Proctor, secretary.

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In and Around Boston

A Tenth Auniversary in Everett

Mystic Side Church, Rev. C. H. Percival, pastor, celebrated Feb. 21-24 its tenth anniver sary of organization and dedication of edifice ay evening a service was held in me of its eighteen deceased members. Rev. Albert Watson of Windham, N. H., pastor for the first five years, preached Sunday morning to a large congregation. At a reception Monday evening attended by about 200 greetings were given by Rev. Messrs. C. G. Hill, H. H. French, E. T. Pitts, W. I. Sweet and G. Y. Washburn, representing past and present pastors of Everett and Malden churches, from which most of Mystic Side's seventy charter members came. A telegram from Rev. Aquilla Webb, the second pastor, now of Los Angeles, Cal., was read, and Rev. Messrs Percival and Watson spoke. A life-size India ink portrait of Deacon Herbert Porter, founder of the church, was presented by a former member. Thirty-six original members, many coming from a distance, responded to roll-call. Only half the original members remain. Though removals have been many, only once has there been a decrease in numbers, an average of twenty-three having been received yearly. The present membership is 158.

The Young Men's Congregational Club

The annual patriotic meeting of the club was worthily celebrated on Feb. 25 by a dinner at the Hotel Brunswick and by admirable speeches by Rev. Dr. F. A. Noble, Prof. Richard Burton and Mr. E. H. Clement of the Boston Transcript. Dr. Noble dealt with the civic duties of young citizens and how they might help the nation forward to better things. President Rossevelt was praised as a model of consecrated culture and good breeding who, refusing to be an easygoing dilettante, threw himself into politics. Professor Burton defended the thesis that we have a distinct type of literature in this cour try truly American although using English speech; and that in our best fiction we have a splendid social force drawing all sections of the country together and thus unifying the nation by explaining the ideals of all from the various sectional points of view. Mr. nent counseled against too much congratulation as a people, and expressed his pleasure in seeing and hearing youth so intent on get-ting wisdom on the matter of patriotism.

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The Old South Lenten Course

Dr. Gordon began last Sunday evening a ourse of Lenten lectures on The Scheme of Belief in the Lord's Prayer. He laid emphasis on the evil that comes to humanity from not being able to say "our"; and pressed home the truth that God was best known through his revelation, not in nature, but in humanity. The attendance was large and the ourse bids fair to be as attractive and help ful as former Lenten courses.

wa College Stud

Pres. Dan F. Bradley of Iowa College must have been deeply gratified by the warmth of the welcome given him at the Hotel Believue last Monday evening. Twenty-five former students of both sexes, together with a sprinkling of local ministers and edi-tors, came together and the long, happy even-ing was filled with praises of the State of Iowa and of the institution at Grinnell. Rev. J. L. Hill, D. D., one of the most devoted of its truste es, sat at the head of the table and kept the jokes and the speeches moving with his accustomed ease and celerity. Enthusiasm crystallized in the formation of an alumni ciation with Dr. Hill as president.

Dr. Grenfell's Busy Days

His many appointments in this part of New England are keeping Dr. Grenfell, the Labrador missionary, moving at a vigorous pace. Applications for his illustrated lectures and his talks, as well as invitations to clubs and dinners, quite outrun the number of dates he has at his disposal. He preached an excel-lent gospel sermon at the Phillips Church, South Boston, last Sunday morning, his romantic work among the fishermen providing him with ample illustrations. In the evening he was at Newtonville. He has appointments for the next week at the Twentieth Century and Unitarian Clubs, at Radeliffe College and Brown University and at these churches: Park Street, Boston; Eliot, Newton; First, Cambridge; Central, Providence, and Concord, Mass. It will be observed that the ngest Congregational churches hereab strongest Congregational enurones hereabouts are gladly opening their doors to him. More-over, he is finding a warm welcome in Episco-pal and Unitarian circles. He will speak at Northfield, March 22, and shortly thereafter sail for England on a brief furlough.

For a long time Pilgrim Hall has not con-For a long time Pilgrim Hall has not contained so large an assembly on Monday morning as that which came together at the Ministers' Meeting, March 2. The proposed consideration of the paper recently presented to this body by Rev. S. A. Eliot, D. D., president of the Unitarian Association, had awakened extended interest. Ministers from far and near ware present to participate in the discussion were present to participate in the discussion of a possible federation between the two wings of Congregationalism.

The committee had a plea

sant surprise in the person of President Bradley of Iowa Col-lege. In an earnest talk he expressed the deep convictions of the ministers of his state regarding an inadequate representation and voice in the affairs of the denominational

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benevolent societies. Dr. Bradley suggested a yearly meeting of the National Council, with accompanying sessions of the societies. Iowa does not wish to hold the offices, but desires a chance to say who shall. A federa-tion of our own churches across the country is our first need.

The discussion of Dr. Eliot's paper was opened by Rev. C. H. Oliphant. Commenting upon the theological difference he said that if the Unitarians have departed most widely from the fathers, we have kept them in sight. Federation for the extension of the kingdom is possible, under wise leadership. Differ ences are to be forgotten in co-operation. By this we can convince the world that Christ

In the open discussion only a few were the deep under an extension of the hour.

The general tendency was to depart from the point of the topic and make the discussion purely a theological one.

In reply to a statement of Rev. R. W. Wal-lace, quoting Dr. J. W. Chadwick, Dr. Thomas Van Ness of the Copley Square (Unitarian) Church, took the platform. He maintained, as a result of wide observation, that the leading Unitarians of the younger group look upon Dr. Martineau as their spiritual leader. He declined to reply to Rev. Daniel Evans's inquiry regarding certain trends within his communion, saying that no wise man could claim to speak for any body of churches. Other brethren believed the address and discussion, hed been firstless. cussion had been fruitful for good and that the evident tolerance of the speeches was indicative of a new era.

Education

The Religious Education formed at Chicago as the result of the recent convention, is securing a considerable and growing list of members. All persons engaged in moral and religious instruction are eligible for membership. The fee for enrollment is \$1 and the annual dues \$2. All enrolled before March 25 will be included in the list of original members contained in the first annual volume of the proceedings of the association, and a copy of the proceedings will be sent free to each. Application for membership should be made to Prof. C. W. Votaw, University of Chicago.

Biographical

REV. HENRY L. BUTCHINS

Mr. Hutchins, who has been for some years past the agent of the Connecticut Bible Society, recently made statements in a ministers' meeting at New Haven concerning the deprayed conditions of some rural communities in the state, which called forth rural communities in the state, which called forth much comment and some adverse criticism. It is said that Mr. Hutchins was surprised and much disturbed by the prominence given in the press to what he had said. While in t e rooms of Prof. E. I. Curtis of Yale Divinity School, Feb. 26, he was taken suddenly ill and died within a few minutes. Mr. Hutchins was born in Brooklyn, Ct., in 1845, graduated from Yale College in 1870 and the Divinity School in 1873, was pastor of Taylor Church, New Haven, for six years, and since then has had pastorates in several states. East and has had pastorates in several states, East and West. He was an able and useful minister.

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Calls

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Brown, Henry C., Lenora, Kan., to White Cloud. Accepts.

Butler, Willis H., First Ch., Williamstown, Mass., to Edwards Ch., Northampton.

Cheadle, Stephen H., San Juan, Cal., to Ault, Col.

Cooper, Jas. W., South Ch., New Britain, Ct., to become scertary of the A. M. A. Accepts.

CRANE, CHAS. D., lately of Yarmouth, Me., to Park Ch., Los Angeles, Cal. Declines.

Chane, Chane, John D., Third Ch., Los Angeles, Cal., to Oleander.

Lennox, Alex., Highland Lake, Col., to take effect April 1.

LUARK, MARCELLUS J., Murphys, Cal., to take effect Aug. 1.

HABBICE, JOHN D., Third Ch., Los Angeles, Cal., to Oleander.
HADDEN, ROB'T A., Ironton, O., to Central Ch., Dallas, Tex. Declines.
HENDERSON, ARTHUR S., Salem, Io., to Shenandoah. Accepts, beginning April 1.
HILL, FRED B., Hartford Sem., to assistant pastorate Collegiate Ch. (Dutch Reformed), New York, N. Y.; also to assistant pastorate Central Ch., Providence, R. I. Accepts the latter.
Janes, Heney, Newton Falls, O., to Reed City, Mich.

MILE.

KILBON, JOHN L., formerly asst. editor for the Cong. F ib. Soc., accepts call to Park Ch., Spring-field, M iss.

LOBHLIN, HENRY E., to remain a second year at Westfo.d, Vt.

LONG, JOSEPH B., Woods Holl, Falmouth, Mass., to Second Ch., Norfolk, Neb. Accepts.

MARTIN, GEO. R., Arborville, Neb., to Milford. Accepts.

MARTIN, GEO. R., APDOIVING, NOO., Accepts.

McDermoth, Chas. (Meth.), of Aberdeen, Wn., to Cong. ch. in same city. Accepts.

OWENS, EDMUND, Mullan, Ida., withdraws acceptance of call to Cheney, Wn.

PRESTON, BEVANT C., Osage, Io., to First Ch., Sacramento, Cal. Call was extended on his prayious record.

previous record.

PRIDDY, CLAUDE H., Boston University, to Maverick Ch., E. Boston, Mass. Accepts.

SCHARFLE, Jehn M., Pico Heights Ch., Los Angeles, and Hyde Park, Cal., declines call to Market St. Ch., Oakland.

SCOFIELD, C. INGERSON., E. Northfield, Mass., to First Ch., Dallas, Tex., a former charge. Accepts, being assured an associate pastor and five or six months' liberty to continue his work in the interests of Bible study. ests of Bible study. SHEARRE, HERMAN A., Paradise, Cal., to Pes-

SHEMAN A., Paradise, Cal., to Pescadero. Accepts.

SHIRK, A. B., to the New Church, Toronto. Accepts, and is at work.

STEPHENS, F. A., to Jacksonville, Fla.

TOWNSEND, ARTHUR C., Ravenna, Neb., to Albion.

Accepts, to begin April 15.

WILLIAMS, EVAN R., Coolville, O., to Arcade, N. Y.

Accepts.
WILLMOTT, BENJ. A., Townsend, Mass., declines call to Lebanon, N. H.

Ordinations and Installations

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ALLINGHAM, ROB'T, o. and d. Lamont, Mich., Feb.
17. Sermon, Rev. R. W. McLaughlin; other
parts, Rev. Messrs. A. H. Stoneman, W. H. Johnson, W. H. Warren, C. A. Riley, F. E. Carter,
John Humfreys, F. B. Stearns.
BOLTON, C. E., d. Scotlard, Can., Feb. 12. Parts,
Rev. Messrs. J. K. Unsworth, E. D. Silcox.
HAYES, EDW. C., Andover Sem., o. and rec. p.
Uxbridge, Mass., Feb. 26. Sermon, Rev. W. T.
McElveen, Ph. D.; other parts, Rev. Messrs. G.
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Resignations

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NICHOLS, J. HENNIGAR, Alpha and Altona, Okl., with associated points, taking effect April 1.

RANKIN, JOHN E., presidency of Howard Univ., Washington, D. C.

TOWNSEND, ARTHUR C., Ravenna, Neb.

WILLIAMS, EVAN R., Coolville, O.

WRIGHT, ABIEL H., St. Lawrence Ch., Portland, Me., requested by large majority of the church to withdraw his resignation.

ALLEN, ERNEST B., Washington St. Ch., Toledo, O., has been voted \$500 increase in salary, be-ginning Feb 1.

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MAOY, HEBBERT, Newington, Ct., was presented with \$77 on the completion, Feb. 11, of eleven years' service in that pastorate.

WOOD, JOHN, Ottawa, and MACALLUM, DAVID, Kingston, have just celebrated the fittleth anniversaries of their ordination.

Material Gain

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Anniversaries

Owego, N. Y., First.—Lend-a-hand Circle of King's Daughters, the eleventh.

Dedications

WASHBURN, N. D. New edifice, Jan. 18.

Unusual Features and Methods

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EROOKLYN, N. Y., Plymouth—A series of fellowship meetings to be held weekly, under the auspices of the Welcome Club, but in no way to replace the Friday night prayer meeting. After a short address by the leader the meeting is opened, and nearly all take part. Women as well as men speak or pray. The meetings are in charge of a committee of twelve, all laymen except Dr. Hillis and Mr. Harmon.

Mt. Vernon, O.—Rev. E. O. Mead has been using Professor Bosworth's Studies in the Teaching of Jesus and his Aposties in the prayer meeting since Jan. 1. Attendance has increased by half and expressions of satisfaction are universal. Ten or a dozen make special preparation weekly. Putney, Vt. Rev. C. E. Hayward has headed a successful movement to establish a village room. Webster Groves, Mo., has initiated a series of about twenty mural paintings, which, if completed, will render the auditorium one of the most 'attractive in its section. Says the pastor: "Why should not the wells of a church weekly se that.

attractive in its section. Says the pastor: "Why should not the walls of a church preach, so that, when the minister gets dull, people can carry away a message, anyway?"

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Boston, Mass., Janaica Plain, Boylston.—Deficit of over \$200 canceled, incurred by reshingling roof.

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The church in Uxbridge, Mass, remained pastorless but a short time after Rev. F. L. Bristol removed to New York. Since June last, Mr. E. C.
Hayes has prosecuted his work with zeal and results. Last week the majority of the churches of
the local conference were called to ordain him.
Graduating from Olivet College and Andover Seminary, with also a degree in science, Mr. Hayes
supplemented his training in the schools with other
valuable service. A teacher, a preacher upon the
frontier of Nebraska, a pastor's assistant in Shawmut Church, Boston, and in the Trinitarian of
Lowell, he brings to his present field broad experience. His gifts readily appear in young people's
work. At the ordination, Dr. W. T. McElveen
brought an uplifting message on the theme, The
Universal Christ. Other participants included
prominent members of the conference and Rev. G.
H. Johnson of Lowell, a former pastor. W. P. L.

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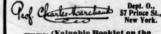
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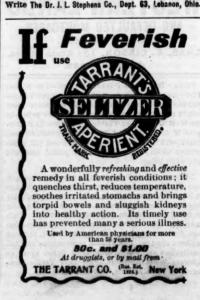
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Letter from Scotland

BY REV. W. M. BANKIN

A new departure for Scotland is contemplated in the proposal to form a Summer School of Theology in the third week of June. The arrangements have been taken in hand by the Association of Former Students of Glasgow United Free Church College, an association that owes its origin to the happy suggestion of Prof George Adam Smith after sociation that owes its origin to the happy suggestion of Prof. George Adam Smith, after his first visit to America. The promoters have decided to commence this experiment at Aberdeen, and the authorities of the United Free Church College there have cordially granted the use of the buildings for the occa-sion. The school will not be confined to min-isters, but will be open also to laymen and ladies—to all interested in theological and present-day onestions. present-day questions.

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The lecturers secured are representative of the various Scottish churches. The names of Drs. Dods and Denny are a guarantee that the studies connected with their departments will be competently handled, and this is true of the others. Prof. W. M. Ramsay of Aberdeen, who is to give two lectures, is a scholar of universal reputation, while Dr. Forrest and Mr. Garvie are theological writers who have already secured an attentive hearing. Mr. Garvie is chairman of the Scottish Congregational Union, and his work in the Ritschlian theology is well known. The Church of Scotland is represented by Professor Kennedy of Edinburgh and by Prof. W. P. Paterson of Aberdeen, one of the ablest men among us. We are gratified to find that already expressions of interest in regard to already expressions of interest in regard to the summer school have come from Ireland, England and America.

Principal Fairbairn's latest work on The Philosophy of Religion has been well re-ceived, and will add to his reputation as one of our most learned and weighty writers, and a thinker of comprehensive grasp and outlook. But perhaps the recent volume by Dr. Denney on The Death of Christ has made the deepest impression, and has drawn fresh attention to his rare qualities as an exegetical scholar and systematic thinker in theology. Dr. Denney's contribution is greatly valued by all who wish to see the atonement in its ntral and commanding place among th trines of Christian theology. A small but suggestive work has been written by Rev. Ambrose Shepherd, the leading Congrega-

A LAYMAN

Gave Doctor a Hint about Coffee.

Speaking of coffee a doctor of Decaturville, Ohio, says: "We used to analyze coffee at the Medical college and in spite of our laboratory tests which showed it to contain caffine, an active poison, I continued to use the drink, and later on found myself affected with serious stomach trouble, indigestion, headaches,

ous stomach trouble, indigestion, headaches, etc.

The headaches came on so regularly and oppressed me so that I found it difficult to attend to my regular duties. One day last November I met a friend whom I had known to be similarly afflicted. His marked improvement in appearance caused me to inquire what he had been doing. He announced that he had, some time ago, quit coffee and was using Postum Food Coffee, to this change he attributed the change in his health.

I took the hint, even from a layman, and made the same change myself. The first week I noticed a little difference but not much. The third week the change was almost magical. I have continued with the Postum and now my digestion is perfect, the nervous headaches have entirely disappeared, and I am well. My own analysis of the Postum Food Coffee shows it to be a pure food drink of strong character which is a marked contrast to the old fashioned coffee." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

tionalist preacher in Glasgow, on The Gospel and Social Questions. It is the fruit of first-hand acquaintance with the problem, and the result of clear, practical and well-balanced consideration of a pressing and perplexing sphiect.

This question is again coming to the front, and the secretary for Scotland, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, has just promised the appearance of a Parliamentary Bill dealing with early closing. His lordship published a letter recently, calling attention to the number of apprehensions for drunkenness, and giving Glasgow an unenviable notoriety in the matter. There are signs that the different muter. There are signs that the different mu-nicipalities in Scotland would welcome more stringent legislative measurer, and in par-ticular the suppression of the numerous bogus drinking clubs. In view of the great amount of lapsing from church membership that is due to intemperance, the United Free Church Presbytery of Giasgow has resolved to draw attention to the value of personal abstinence on the part of young people when enrolling themselves as members of the church. There is considerable diversity of view as to the best method of legislating, but all agree that the present situation is in-tolerable.

Glasgow.

Monthly Missionary Service for March

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Topic, Congregational Missionary Enterprises in

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Helps: The Home Missionary for January and February.—Use this varied material by questionnaire method, making different persons responsible for answers upon the different sections. Leader must thoroughly prepare matter, as any vagueness in questions will destroy otherwise good effect. Let questions be close to the point and follow in

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quick succession.

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Hymn, "The Son of God goes forth to war."
Opening words: Isa. 40: 9, 10; 52: 7, 8, 9; Rev. 4: 10, 11, 12; 22: 17. Hymn, "Christ for the world we sing."

Story of Home Missions in Indiana. (a) Origins. (b) Michigan City—First National Convention; the saving of the church to Congregationalism; facts of later prosperity, and personal home gifts; its outreach. (c) Orland. (d) Liber Church and college—origin in what? missionary zeal. (e) Plymouth Church, Indianapolis—origin in what? stages in history, a, b, c, d, e, f; various ministries under self-support; sons of the church. (f) Union and North Churches, Indianapolis—two illustrations of our polity as a common denominator; La Crosse as illustrating polity. (g) Other good investments—Trinity, Indianapolis; Plymouth, Ft. Wayne; Cal. umet district and gas belt churches.

Our mission as churches in Indiana.

Story of Home Missions in Kansas. (a) Purpose of New Rngland Congregationalists in going into Kansas. (b) The nation's great struggle and the greatest factor in it. (c) Dr. Hale's estimate of these Congregational immigrants. (d) Forces behind first and second births of nation. (e) What has given and still gives character to Kansas,

Story of Home Missions in Pennsylvania. (a) Indebtedness to New England—early Welsh churches. (b) Effect of the Revolution upon Pennsylvania Congregational churches; fate of scattered Congregational churches in 1700; due to what? (e) The Ebensburg church; the early Welsh missionaries. (d) The Randolph church; spirit of liberty; the Welsh as Congregationalists. Small Welsh churches aided by Home Missionary Society; Pennsylvania churches in conters.

Prayer for churches, pastors and missionaries, churches in centers.

Prayer for churches, pastors and missionaries. Closing words. Hymn, America.

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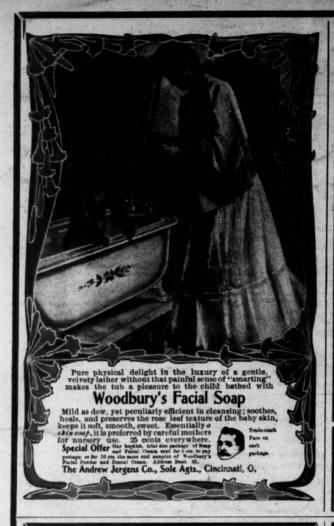
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